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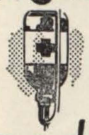
A man in Rochester donates a pint of blood. 10 days later a woman in Peoria needs that pint  of blood. You get it there — on time. For when you join your Red Cross - you help collect that blood - you test and type it - you package and store it — you transport it. And, finally, a doctor administers it. Through your Red Cross - you help assure that blood is where it's needed — when it's needed.

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Gentlemen:

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Ann Hawkes Hutton
Chairman, Washington
Crossing Park Comm.

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Dear Sir:

. . .I'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on the expansion of the TRAVELER.

Karl C. King
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

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Gentlemen:

. . .You may include us in your minority who regret to see the change in size. In our opinion, it has lost some of its charm, intimacy and hominess. In changing size it has become just another magazine, no longer retaining that distinctive quality. The new size is also harder to carry and to hold.

E. Everett Edwards
Flint, Michigan

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Mr. Editor:

Sure was surprised upon receiving my January issue—you sure have at last grown up. Congratulations are in order—keep up the good work for a bigger and better magazine.

Wm Bochret
Detroit, Mich.

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Sirs:

As newcomers to Bucks County, we have learned to love it. We find your excellent magazine a great source of pleasure and help in getting acquainted all around. . .We enjoy your photography particularly.

Mrs. George S. Dunlap
Danboro, Penna.

Dear Sir:

You should be nominated for the "best change for the better" award for *1955-56.* Your magazine now looks as good as its outlook. With your new dimension in size, I hope we may be able to get a new dimension in coverage of our contempory county greats. . . . . Thank you for the article about the Levittown Players in your November issue and to Lee Garb for writing so sensitively about us.

Mrs. C. Paul Gravelle
Levittown, Pa.

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Gentlemen:

Last month I was a member of a panel which discussed the subject "Reading for Fun" and among the publications I brought up I included the TRAVELER as an example of a delightful and different magazine.

Mina J. Staten
Olmsted Falls, Ohio

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Dear Sir:

Judging by the size of your January issue you have ceased to be an infant size and have gone to boy's size. It is an improvement, more space and room for longer articles and more advertising space. As time marches on, no doubt you will enlarge to man's size like the Saturday Evening Post. . . . .You have put Bucks County on the map of Pennsylvania. Your stories and articles of doings within the County from its earliest days to the present time are rich in history and very interesting reading. I had never heard of Bucks County until I read your magazine, although I had visited Washington's Crossing on the New Jersey side many years ago.

Raymond S. Camp
Brooklyn, N. Y.

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Dear Editor:

After itching to visit your county, we finally made it! We picked up a copy of your magazine, too, a lucky choice. It seems so friendly and informal, informative and pleasant. . . . .

"Sari" (no last name)
New Brunswick, N.J.

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Dear Editor:

Please continue our subscription—we love it—newsy and very readable.

Mrs. Thomas H. Rhoads
Hatboro, Penna.

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Dear Sir:

I'm afraid you won't like to hear this, but I don't know when I've been disappointed more than when I saw the size of your last issue. I've loved the magazine since I first saw it long ago, along with my digests, "Coronet", etc. It would go in my purse—under the pillow—or anywhere I took it. Now it's dreadful,—more like a large pamphlet or program that fits nowhere. I'm so sorry you changed it.

Mrs. Wm. Rose, Jr.
Milford, N. J.

(Of course it is difficult to keep everyone happy, but most people seem enthusiastic about the new format. As a matter of fact, we had no choice in the matter since the smaller size was getting too thick for our printers to handle. The advertisers are also happier to see their ads more attractively and efficiently displayed. Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

. . .The writer would like to congratulate you on the great improvement which has taken place in the format of your magazine. It surely presents a much better appearance now than in the past, and the reading matter is of very great interest.

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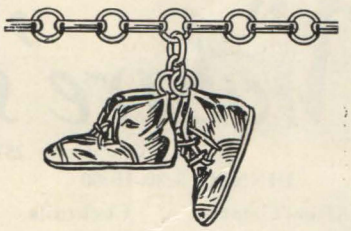

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Delaware Oaks*—Rt. 611. Riegelsville. L-D. Popular prices. Sits among tall trees beside the river. You'll enjoy it for your family—very friendly. Sauerbraten excellent. Bar.

Tohickon House**—Caffery Hill Rd. 1 m. north Pt. Pleasant. L-D $1.85-$3.25. Worth the drive for the view alone. Bar.

Ferndale Hotel—Rt. 611, Ferndale. L-D $1.50-$3. Also platters. Mouth-watering pies. Plenty of room. Bar.

Cascade Lodge—Half mi. off Rt. 611 bet. Kintnersville and Riegelsville. Large parties reservations only. Desserts as good as they look.

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Pipersville Inn**—Route 413, Pipersville. L-D. Mother Brugger keeps a lively eye on the kitchen while Brothers Bob and Joe crack wise for their customers across the bar. Ask for the chicken liver pate.

Eagle Hotel—Hellertown Avenue & Broad Street, Quakertown. D. Room open Fri., Sat. & Sun. Steaks red and juicy or well-done. Bar.

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Fireside Drive-Inn—Route 309, Quakertown. Open every day for charcoal broiled steaks, hamburgers, franks, snacks and sandwiches. Quick service at your car.

Four Winds Tavern*—Rt. 611, Revere, north of Doylestown. Chicken-in-the-basket and T-bone steaks specialties of house. Open fireplace in dining room always lit. Bar.

Washington House Hotel—Route 309, Sellersville. L-D. Famous for country food and all you can eat for $2.00. Bar.

CENTRAL COUNTY

Black Bass—River Rd., Lumberville. L-D $2.75 to $5. 18th century atmosphere. Fireside eating. For knowing palates, the unusual in food. Jack Travers at the piano Fri. and Sat. Bar.

Volare's*—Rt. 202 W. of New Hope. D. and late snacks. $2-4. Re-opens on March 17. Good food, especially cozy for late snacks. Bar.

The Gobblers*—River Road, Pt. Pleasant. L-D—specializes in steaks, spaghetti and meat balls. Qualified music (no rock 'n roll) Fri. and Sat. evenings. Bar.

Canal House*—By the canal on Mechanic Street in New Hope. Fresh young talent for entertainment—atmosphere and good food. Bar.

Tow Path House**—New Hope. L-D. Open fire on chilly spring nights when rain-drops make splashes on the canal. Food temptingly served. Atmosphere conducive to chatting. Bar.

Playhouse Inn**—Odette Myrtil as the hostess and manager makes the place sparkle. Excellent French and Polynesian food. Fairly expensive. Dancing weekends to Jean Loper's combo. Jean and Stuart Ross at the bar pianos during week.

River House**—S. River Rd., New Hope. L-D. Hosts make you feel at home while sipping a cocktail or eating good food at popular prices. View of river. Bar.

Washington Crossing Inn**—Washington's Crossing. L-D $2.75-$3.75. Atmosphere of home dining with perfect service. Bar.

Shea's Tower Inn*—River Road, near Bowman's Hill. Short order cooking with the touch of a good chef—chicken in a basket, shrimp, roast beef. Bar.

Mel's Steak House—Closed Tuesdays. Ney Plaza off Mechanic's Street, New Hope. Breakfast, coffee, snacks—no dinner.

Albert's Coffee Shop**—Mechanic Street, New Hope. Cozy atmosphere where the cheese is real Swiss and the coffee you can't resist. Open 9 am.m to 8 p.m. except Sunday closing at 5 p.m.

Bird's Nest—Ferry Street, New Hope. Managed by Chan Parker, widow of Charlie Parker, famed exponent of contemporary jazz. Snacks—dinner if you like.

Lavender Hall—Rt. 532, Newtown. L-D. Southern fried chicken a specialty, among a list of fine home-cooked dishes served in a unique setting of Colonial elegance. Bar.

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Old Anchor Inn*—Doylestown Pike at 2nd Street Pike, Wrightstown. A good place to meet your neighbors. Bar.

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Howard Johnson's Restaurant—reasonable prices with all day service for meals or a quick bite to eat.

The Barn*—Buckingham. L-D with late snacks. Ample parking both sides of Rt. 202. Curry dishes good. Arty atmosphere. Bar.

General Green Inn*—Crossroads at Buckingham (202 and 143). Historic. Revolutionary War generals ate here. Draft beer, plain food, but good. Bar.

Doylestown Inn—Doylestown. L-D. Prime ribs of beef. "Jug-in-Wall" where people meet for $1 lunch. Good for family eating when Mother needs a vacation. Bar.

Fountain House—Doylestown. L-D. Feel of real country eating—collections of antiques. Bar.

Bucks County Inn**—Doylestown. Smorgasbord Mon. thru Fri. All you can possibly eat for $1.00. Bar.

O'Neill's Village Inn—W. State St., Doylestown. Not elegant, but good food served with Irish quips.

Ed's Diner—Rt. 202, Doylestown. A good place to eat day or night. Wholesome food, hot from the kitchens.

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Water-Wheel Inn—Closed at present. Announcement later.

Valley Farm Restaurant**—611 north of Doylestown. True country food for the discerning.

Countryside Inn*—Closed—announcement later.

Goldie's Restaurant—Route 313, Dublin. Good reasonable meals anytime during the day.

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LOWER COUNTY

Jack Hansen's Inn*—Old Lincoln Highway, Morrisville. L-D reasonable. Give the wife a break and eat here for good food. Bar.

Pennsbury Inn*—Off Bristol Rd. nr. Pennsbury. L-D $2.50-$5. Rates for youngsters so plan to eat out when you visit Penn's Manor. Bar.

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EVENTS

American Red Cross—Collection of funds by volunteers. March 1 through 31.

Bucks County Agricultural Extension Service Home Economics Course—William Penn Center, Fallsington. Monday a.m.

William Penn Center Junior Week-end Work Camp—Penn Center, Fallsington. Boys and girls from 12 to 14. March 2-3-4.

Bucks County Music Festival—Delhaas High School, Route 413, near Burlington-Bristol Bridge. March 3, 8 p.m.

Consolidated Horse Companies—Annual dinner at Washington's Crossing Inn. March 3, 7 p.m.

Bucks County Girl Scout Council—Scout Offices, Doylestown. Reception for representatives of Community Chest agencies. March 6, 3 p.m.

Business and Professional Women's Club of Yardley-Makefield—Annual dinner at Washington's Crossing Inn. March 7, 7 p.m.

Delaware Valley Philharmonic Symphony—Neshaminy High School, Old Lincoln Highway, Langhorne. Mozart's "Requiem" with chorus. March 8 and 9 at 8:30 p.m. and March 11 at 3:30 p.m.

Welcome House Film Program—Welsh's Barn, near Dublin. "Louisiana Story" and short featuring Jose Limon, dancer. March 9, 8:15 p.m.

Delaware Valley Cat Fancier's All Breed Show—Edgely Fire House, Edgely, Bristol, Penna. Contact Vincent Lappan, Cornwells 0150. March 10, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Italian-American Club of Morrisville—Annual banquet at Italian-American Sportsmen's Club, Trenton, N.J. March 11, 7 p.m.

Philadelphia Flower Show—Philadelphia Commercial Museum, South Exhibition Hall and Center Building. March 12 through 17.

Bucks County Girl Scout Council—Neshaminy-Warwick Church, Hartsville. March 12, 8 p.m.

Bucks-Mont Stamp and Coin Club—American Legion Home, Main Street, Sellersville. March 14, 8 p.m.

Delaware Valley Horsemen's Association—Lambertville Rescue Squad Building. March 15, 8:15 p.m.

Bucks County Philatelic Society—Over Post Office, Langhorne. March 16, 8 p.m.

Card Party and Fashion Show—Pomeroy's Community Room, Levittown. Benefit of Lower Bucks Co. Hospital. Contact Mrs. George Katila, Windsor 6-6448. March 17, 2 p.m.

Daughters of American Revolution—Covered dish luncheon, home of Mrs. William H. Yerkes, Buckingham. March 19.

Trevose Horticultural Society—Community House, Trevose. March 20, 8 p.m.

Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts Galleries—Broad and Cherry Streets, Philadelphia. String Virtuosi of Philadelphia, Louis Vyner, conducting. March 23, doors open at 7:30 p.m.

Antiques Show—George School Boys' Gymnasium, Newtown. Proceeds to Lower Bucks County Hospital. March 25, 26, 27. Daily 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday 1 p.m. to 10 p.m.

ARTS

Philadelphia Art Alliance—251 S. 18th Street, Philadelphia. Exhibitions: Thru Mar. 21—Group show of oils by Frederick Gill, Abraham P. Hankins, Martin Jackson, Paul Keene, Bernard A. Kohn, Bertha Schoenbach, Clayton Whitehill, Martin Zipin. Thru Mar. 25—Oils and woodcuts by Betty and Simone Titone. Mar. 7 thru month—Conchology. Mar. 8 thru 25—drawings by members. Mar. 14 thru month—paintings by Hans Hoffman. Mar. 8 thru 25—contemporary printmakers—Black, Crawford, Dow, Hoff.

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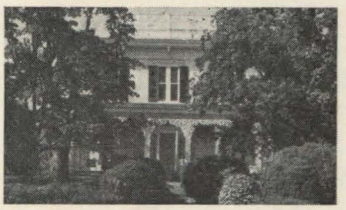

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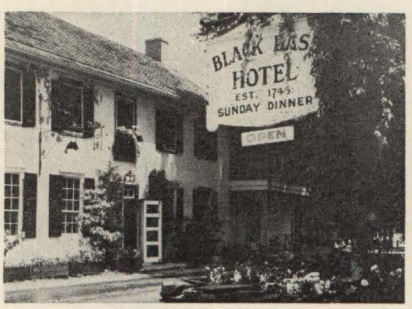

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Mercer Fonthill Museum—On East Court Street, Doylestown. The private collection of the late Henry Mercer, founder and builder of the Historical Museum. Open weekdays from 1 to 4.

Mercer Tileworks—The famed Tileworks of the late Dr. Mercer, located behind his home (Fonthill Museum) on East Court Street, Doylestown. Open weekdays 9 to 4:30.

Pennsbury Manor—The beautifully reconstructed home and gardens of William Penn. On the river between Morrisville and Bristol. Open daily from 10 to 4:30. Adults admission, 50 cents, children under 12, free.

Fallsington—Village on the Newportville Road and near Route 1 west of Morrisville. Earliest Friends Society organized in 1683. William Penn attended meeting here. Two early meeting houses are still used. One, built in 1789, is now the William Penn Center, an active community house. The other, built in 1841, is still used as a Meeting House. Other ancient houses and buildings of interest.

National Agricultural College—A private college of agriculture, offering a 4-year degree program. From the highway you can see the research laboratory (once the old Wayside Inn), diagnostic laboratory and dairy barn and training center.

Ringing Rocks—One and a half miles west of Upper Black Eddy, Bridgeton Township. Four acres of trap rock boulders, many of which ring loud and clearly when struck with hammer. In 1890 a Dr. Ott of Pleasant Valley collected enough to make a musical scale on which he played tunes, accompanied by the Pleasant Valley Band, at a meeting of the Buck Wampum Literary and Historical Association.

Durham Village—On Route 212 between Springtown and River Road (611) south of Riegelsville. One of the earliest iron furnaces was built here in 1727, it supplied cannon "shot" for the French-Indian War and the Revolution. All sorts of iron utensils were made here, pots, kettles, fire-backs, plate stoves, etc. Nearby is Mine Hill where ore was dug for the furnace. While Robert Durham was the manager he designed and built the Durham boat, valuable on the Susquehanna and Hudson rivers as well as the Delaware because it could be navigated back upstream as well as downstream. About 1812 the furnace was rebuilt as a grist mill which still grinds feed.

At the junction of Routes 212 and 611 is the site of the later Durham Iron Works which was a prominent industry in the county until it closed in 1908. Near this point is Rattlesnake Hill where old ore shafts may still be seen.

Near here also is the site of the once famous Durham Cave. One of its three beautiful apartments was known as Queen Esther's Drawing Room. According to tradition it was once inhabited by "Queen Esther," whose real name was Catherine Montour, and some of her Indian followers. People would come from all over the country to visit this cave. Finally, sometime before the Civil War, the whole thing was quarried away for its limestone to enrich the farms of Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Indian Walking Purchase—The infamous and best known Indian Treaty Walk was the one on September 19, 1737 which began at Wrightstown where a stone monument near the meeting house commemorates the event. There had been an earlier one, conducted personally by William Penn in 1683 in which a walk of a day and a half covered the distance from the mouth of Neshaminy Creek to the mouth of Knowles Creek north of Washington Crossing. The Indians set the pace, stopping now and then to smoke their pipes or eat a bit of cheese and biscuit.

The Second "walk" conducted by Penn's sons was a craftily planned event that left the Indians bitter and revengeful. They hired three experienced woodsmen, Edward Marshall who lived near Bustleton, James Yeates, of Newtown and Solomon Jennings of near Bethlehem. A trail was secretly blazed for them and their pace was so rapid the accompanying Indians complained that the white men "Run, run, run all day, no stop to shoot squirrel, no stop to smoke pipe, just run."

Buckingham Zoological Garden—On Route 413, one quarter mile northwest of Buckingham. Features world's largest snake. Open daily from noon until dark.

Railroad Museum—Upper River Road, Yardley. E. P. Alexander has collection of railroadiana and old toy trains. Open Saturdays and Sundays from 2 to 5 p.m. Also by appointment. Free.

Mini-Tour—On Route 309 about one mile north of Quakertown on the right-hand side. For a small fee you can operate a miniature railroad through villages, mountains and even the Grand Canyon. You can blow a whistle, stop for passengers, re-route freight trains, and move the trains backward and forward. Perfect entertainment for the children. At present Mini-Tour is open Saturdays and Sundays from 2 p.m. and on the major holidays.

PARKS AND PICNIC AREAS

Delaware Canal—A delightful walk for those who like to walk is along the canal towpath, parking your car in New Hope, and going north or south. At 10 o'clock in the morning of December 7, 1830 the first canal boat with passengers and a few tons of coal glided down the waterway to Bristol, arriving four hours later. Bands played, crowds of people cheered and guns were fired. The canal has had a long history, has been abandoned and partly restored but walking along the towpath today is delightful. Wild fowl and birds find a sanctuary along its banks and many homes are built between the canal and the river.

In winter there is often good skating at many places along the canal.

Aquetong or Ingham Spring—At head of Aquetong Lake on Route 202 about two miles west of New Hope. Daily flow of water has been estimated at 3 million gallons. The dam was built to form the lake for the operation of a fulling mill that was rebuilt by Samuel D. Ingham in 1790 as the first paper mill in the county.

Lake Warren—In Nockamixon Township hard to find so inquire at Ferndale or Revere. Dike was built in 1936 to impound waters of springs at foot of Boatman's Hill. Good picnic spot, fair fishing, lots of birds and water lilies.

Beverly Hall—near Quakertown. Rose gardens, reflecting pools, lily ponds.

Menlo Park—Perkasie. Eight acres with free picnic tables and children's playground; swimming pool, bowling alley and other food and amusement concessions. No admission charge.

Quakertown Municipal Park—On Mill Street, ice skating rink, picnic tables, fireplaces.

Lenape Park—Perkasie. For picnicking and boating. Free.

Ralph Stover State Park—On Tohickon Creek west of Point Pleasant. A scenic picnic area. Closes at sundown.

Washington Crossing State Park—One of the nation's major historical shrines, commemorating the famous crossing in 1776. On River Road between Yardley and New Hope. **The Lower Park** is the setting for the boulder marking the embarkation point. The nearby Methodist Church has on display the famed Leutze painting of General George Washington in a big rowboat from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. The **Upper Park** at Bowman's Hill, 3 miles south of New Hope, has picnic fireplaces and tables and a wild flower preserve. Also of interest: burial ground for several Continental soldiers; the Thompson-Neely house open Saturdays and Sundays 1 to 5 p.m. or by appointment; bird banding every Saturday and Sunday at 3 p.m. Bowman's Tower commands a view of the valley. Closed at sundown. The park closes at 10 p.m.

SPORTS

Gaybird Farms, Old Irving Road, Carversville, Sugan 5201. The County's only pay-as-you-go game bird preserve. Hunting from October 1 to February 29. Pheasants, ducks chukker partridge. Open every day except Sunday. Special non-resident licenses for out-of-town guests. No limit on bag or sex. Dogs and guides provided.

Lazy D Ranch, Point Pleasant Road, Gardenville, Sugan 2412. Horses and ponies for hire by the hour. Western tack. Hayrides. Riding instruction. Boarding. Rodeo Arena.

Timberlane, Aquetong Road off Route 232, New Hope 2207. Horses for hire by the hour. English or Western tack. In the ring or on scenic trails. Private and group instruction. Boarding.

Pineway Stables, Smith Road, Pineville, Wycombe 4651. English tack. Private instruction. Boarding.

Village Farm, Newtown, 4-5782. Instruction. English tack.

Haycock Riding Stables, RD No. 3, Quakertown 335-J-1. English and Western tack. Private instruction in ring or on trails. Moonlight riding for groups. Reservations required.

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Warrington Skating Rink, Route 611, Warrington, OSborne 5-9999. Open evenings 8 to 11 p.m. Ladies' Night on Tuesday, party night on Monday. Skates for rent.

Playrena Roller Club, State Road and Cedar Avenue, Croyden, Stillwell 8-9009. Open Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights, with skating in the afternoon on Saturday and Sunday. Skates for rent.

Moonlight Gardens Roller Rink, York Road, Jamison, Doylestown 6479. Open evenings 8 to 11 p.m. Alternate Tuesdays Indoor archery—open to public. Otherwise Mondays and Tuesdays reserved for private parties. Matinee on Saturday and Sunday. Skates for rent.

Roller Skating Casino, Nolan Avenue, Penndel, Skyline 7-2744. Open evenings 8 to 11 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday 1 to 4 p.m. Best to call, schedule occasionally changed. Skates for rent.

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Fairlanes Bowling, Fairless Hills Shopping Center, Windsor 5-4441. Twenty-four alleys with automatic pin spotters. Open daily from 10 a.m. to early morning for open and league bowling.

Delmor Lanes, 81 North Delmor Street, Morrisville, Cypress 5-2919. Eight Brunswick alleys. Open 1 p.m. to 11 p.m. Open bowling weekends.

Bristol Recreation Center, 1500 Farragut Avenue, Bristol, Stillwell 8-3802. Twelve alleys open at 6 to 12 p.m. Monday thru Friday and 1 to 12 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. League bowling.

Levittown Lanes, Inc., Newportville Road and Orchard Drive, Levittown, Windsor 6-3117. Eighteen alleys with automatic pin spotters. Open daily from 10 a.m. to early morning. Clubs accommodated.

Newtown Recreation Center, 18 N. State Street, Newtown, Worth 8-2707. Eight alleys. Open daily from 6:30 to 12 p.m. Open bowling weekends. Reservations accepted.

Hillcrest Recreation Center, Route 611, Danboro, Doylestown 9309. Monday thru Thursday, League nights. Open bowling Friday and Saturday 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday, 2:30 to 11 p.m.

THEATERS

We are listing the theaters for your convenience—watch your local newspapers for daily programs. Phone the theater for show time.

Lower Bucks

Bristol Theater, Radcliffe & Market, Bristol ST-8-9415
Grand Theater, 422 Mill, Bristol ST-8-2812
Ritz Theater, Bristol Pike, Croyden ST-8-9538
Towne Theater, Levittown Parkway, Levittown WI-6-1000

Central Bucks

County Theater, East State Street, Doylestown DOY-4014
Newtown Hall Theater, N. State, Newtown WO-8-3859

Upper Bucks

Broad Theater, 24 W. Broad, Soudertown SOU-3-3444
Selvil Theater, Temple Avenue, Sellersville SEL-7-4260
Quakertown Amusement Co., Quakertown KEY-6-2735

Drive-Ins

Andalusia Drive-In Theater, Bristol Pike, Andalusia CORNwallis 1022
Bucks County Drive-In Theater, Easton Road, Warrington OS-5-1500
Roosevelt Drive-In Theater, U. S. Route 1, Langhorne WI-6-9848
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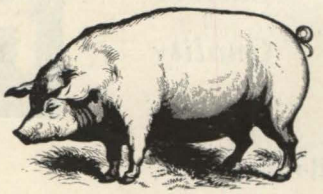

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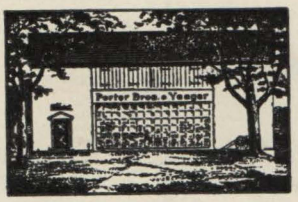

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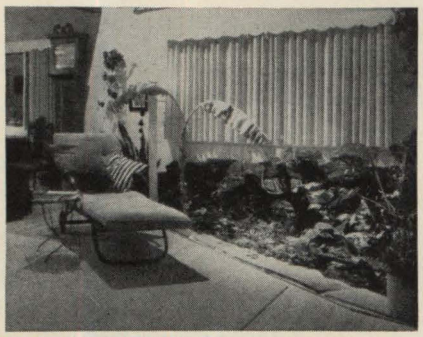

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THROUGH BUCKS

by Bob Brugger and Lee Garb

BELATED REPORT: So little was said in the press last month about Groundhog Day that we feel obligated to submit this report from my Aunt Elly up in Pipersville: "We are gathered here on this solemn occasion in anticipation of the groundhog's shadow. Neighbors from far and near are here with their groundhogs and following the festivities we are having them in for lunch—the neighbors, not the ground hogs. This is by us an annual yearly affair and at a given time the groundhogs are tied loose to determine whether we have six more weeks of winter or whether the weather will remain just so. A lot of city people are not familiar with the groundhog and as we have had them in the family for years I should like to explain. A groundhog is about so big, very dappich in appearance and something of a shussle in the way he walks yet. He has a face which ain't exactly stupid and I guess you couldn't call it exactly bright either. For the better part they live barns in back of under behind. Some people make a pet of groundhogs once. This is alright, but through association in time the people get to look like groundhogs. The real tragedy yet is when the groundhogs get to look like people. There is a way still to tell a groundhog from a skunk but usually it is too late before." (The groundhog *did* see his shadow on February 2nd, incidentally, so.)

THE other day while wandering through the **"Country Crafters"** shop in Southampton, we were shown two pieces of ruby glass by **Mr. Brown** the proprietor, who regretfully informed us that there will be little or no ruby glass in our lives henceforth. He explained that a small amount of uranium is used in making it and since first things are first, its manufacture is now frowned upon. In order to lift our burdened spirits we stopped off on the way home to visit an old friend who proudly showed us an antique bookcase secretary that he had just refinished. Noticing that it held a 1907 edition of the "Britannica" along with many old

textbooks, we pulled out one of the volumes and just happened upon the following definition: "Uranium—a useless element found in certain parts of North America and Europe." For what it's worth, that's all there is to the story.

BUCKS County's favorite son from the Emerald Isle is realtor **Michael Walsh**, who once acted with the Irish Abbey Players . . . . And speaking of actors, there's Furlong's **Charlie Phillips** who made one motion picture and retired. Charlie was six months old, see, and he was tied to this railroad track and then along came **Tom Mix** and his great horse **Tony** and that, children, is how Charlie grew up to sell automobiles in Bucks County.

THE current disc, **Go On With The Wedding,** is the worst thing to hit the air waves since under-arm deodorants made their commercial debut. (This has nothing to do with the County but I hadda get it out of my system.)

Jack O'Reilly, the talented disc jockey, commutes daily to Philly *and* New York City from Plumsteadville to do his two shows. And you think you have problems! **Orville and Richard Wright** are Bucks Countians, Midshipmen at the Naval Academy, Annapolis . . . . and just for the record Central Bucks boasts more men at the Academy, this year, than any other comparable section of the country.

TASTE TEST: Fill three small glasses, one with coke, one 7-UP, one ginger ale. Blindfold your victim. Not one in fifty will be able to identify all three. Current champ: nine-year-old **Jamie Meades** up in Keller's Church.

BUCKS Countian, **Helen Coleman,** deserves plaudits for her recently inaugurated **"Helen Coleman Show"** heard over NBC station WTTM every Friday from 8 to 8:30 p.m. The program offers everyone a wonderful opportunity to ease his or her mind about the "terrible younger generation". Miss Coleman, founder of the nationally chartered **Star Clubs** for young people just doesn't believe the kids are anything but great . . . . and she brings them onto the national network to prove it. The program is simply an informal session of unrehearsed conversation about what her guests are doing that is interesting, informative and constructive. It's a great idea and a great show.

DOYLESTOWN'S **Lu Porter,** a typical Bucks Countian, typically enough wasn't born here. More confusing, she was born in Washington, D. C., under the Swiss Flag at the German Embassy. Legally she was either Swiss or German but to become an American she had to take out citizenship papers. Take one tablet after each meal, if headache persists, call your family physician.

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A bill is under discussion in the legislature to abolish the office of County Superintendent of Common Schools.

A new stove has been invented for the comfort of travellers. It is put under the feet, and a mustard plaster upon the head which draws the heat through the whole system. Said to be a Yankee invention. Patent rights sell cleverly.

LAST NOTICE

THE subscriber will be at the Jewelry Store of George E. Donaldson, in Doylestown, on the first of April to settle up their books and wish everyone indebted to them to call and square their accounts. After that time their books will be placed in the hands of a sharp Collector.

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H. B. NIGHTINGALE, Po. Doylestown.

Prize Fight—On the afternoon of the 26th ult. a party of men and boys numbering about 150 arrived in Yardleyville from Trenton, N. J., for the purpose of seeing a fight between two men, one by the name of McNickle and the other McKenney, both from the latter place, for a match of $20 a side. They alighted in front of the Hotel and commenced stripping for action, the landlord not liking their company ordered them away. They then left for the direction of Morrisville and got about one mile below Yardleyville, they there got over into a field and commenced action—their rules were no kicking nor striking while down, two minutes between each round. They fought nine rounds, occupying fifty-one minutes.

The first three rounds McKenney done the most execution in consequence of McNickle having long hair, which he made good use of. Between the second and fourth rounds McNickle's hair was cut short, the scale then turned in his favor, breaking two of McKenney's ribs and nose and won the battle. They both seemed to be very much cut about the face, the crowd were all sober and decent looking people.—Communicated.

MY WIFE SARAH ANN STEWART, has left my bed and board without any just cause or provocation. I therefore forbid anyone to harbor or trust her on my account, I will pay no debts of her contracting, after this date.

Newtown MOSES STEWART.

Dear—Bread and Butter is getting to be a very expensive sort of food. Five dollars a hundred for flour and from twenty-five to thirty cents for butter, are "orful" prices, and there seems to be a poor prospect of any reduction.

Division of Bucks County—We learned that a bill has been introduced into the House of Representatives at Harrisburg, for a new county to be composed of part of Bucks and Philadelphia, and that a gang of hired borers, flush with money, are prowling about the Capitol, and carrying on "Lobby Legislation" to a great extent. The new county is to be called "Penn", and it includes the Boroughs of Bristol, Morrisville, Newtown and townships of Bensalem, Bristol, Falls, Lower Makefield, Middletown, Newtown, Northampton, Southampton, and perhaps Wrightstown and Upper Makefield, besides half a dozen townships of the consolidated city.

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THE Buckeye Blacksmith is in Bristol and is taking Ambrotypes for the people there, much to their gratification. He intends to come to Doylestown after the first of April.

OLD TRAVELER

by Henry Freking

THE Tinicum Times was a small newspaper published monthly by Carl Kuhlmann in Ottsville in 1940. I have Volume I, Number 3; if other issues were printed I have been unable to discover them. The masthead tells its readers that it is to be published monthly, funds permitting.

It looked healthy from the standpoint of advertising carried. The one ad that intrigued me was that of the Ottsville Inn owned by "Charlie" Kohl. Charlie promises a real treat for everyone on September 28—the menu—Virginia Baked Ham—Home-Baked Beans—Candied Sweet Potatoes—Home-Made Boston Brown Bread and Beverage all for *30 cents*.

I lived in Fountainville at that time and am sorry I was not a subscriber to the Ottsville Times.

A MEMBER of the Golden Age Club told me at one of their meetings that she was "always a joiner", meaning she liked being a member of some group.

She says she was a member of the first Camp Fire Girls organized in Bucks County in 1904. The first meeting was held on Clear Springs Farm near Quakertown and the camp was composed of girls who lived on nearby farms who felt they lived a sort of prosaic humdrum existance.

According to the Handbook of the Camp Fire Girls, "the purpose of this organization is to show that the common things of life are the chief means of beauty, romance and adventure, to form habits making for health and vigor, to encourage the outdoor habit and the out-of-door spirit, and to encourage a more intimate relationship between mother and daughters."

There were no dues but each girl had to furnish her own ceremonial costume, epaulettes and honor bands.

There were thirteen members in the first camp and each was known as a "wood gatherer." After meeting certain qualifications they became "Fire Makers" and the next rank was that of "Torch Bearer". The law that each member was taught to follow was "seek beauty, give service, persue knowledge, be trustworthy, hold on to health, glorify work, be happy".

Each member was given a name. One was named Sunflower, another Lark. Then there were names like Quick Silver and Laughing Water. My Golden Age friend tole me her Camp Fire name was Babbling Brook because it seemed an utter impossibility for her to stop talking.

The girls sat in a circle and a small pile of firewood was gathered and placed in the center. Then one of the "Fire Makers" lighted the fire and recited:

"OH, FIRE! Long years ago, when our fathers fought with great beasts, you were their protector. From the cruel cold of winter you saved them. When they needed food, you changed the flesh of beasts into savory meat for them. Through all the ages your mysterious flame has been a symbol of the Great Spirit to them. Tonight we light the fire in remembrance of the Great Spirit who gave you to us."

My friend does not remember how long the camp remained in existence. Says she dropped out when the boys began to eye her and she became boy conscious. I can easily understand that because she is still an "eyefull".

THE Camp Fire Girls were first organized in England and years ago camps were established in almost every community. Some are still in existence, one, I believe near Morrisville or Bristol. The Girl Scout Troopes were organized later, the first one in Bucks County about twenty years ago.

ROCKING chairs are returning "in vogue" in Quakertown. In the 1700's and 1800's and the early part of the 1900's right here in Bucks County were seen the great days of the rocking chair. Every kitchen and parlor—the rooms of living and love—held at least one rocking chair, much used. They were found in the log cabin, the cottage and the rich man's home. Their gentle swaying soothed the baby bothered by the bogeyman or a little colic. They eased Grandfather's dyspepsia and gave Grandmother a haven by the fireside.

Now the rocking chair has virtually disappeared in the home, relegated to the attic or disposed of altogether. The Old Timers' Committee of Quakertown proposes to bring the rocking chair back into use. Two hundred rocking chairs have been gathered for the comfort of all oldsters who attend Old Timers' Day to be celebrated in Quakertown June 23rd this year. If you've never seen a "rocking chair brigade" in action it will be quite a sight to see two hundred in various speeds of agitation.

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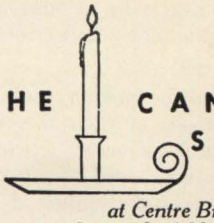

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Looking over the County

TIME again so soon to greet the Spring, Easter, Passover, Indian New Year, or any of the countless names people across the world and along the ages have used to declare the victory of life over death. The birds offer the simple glory of their song to the rebirth of the trees and fields, the grass comes up with a gold-green smile, and the days are filled with a new sense of purpose and liveliness.

This makes a lovely time to celebrate the *Traveler's* first birthday; one year and much effort since we moved to Doylestown, and many thanks to many people —staff, contributors, readers, advertisers, printers, and innumerable miscellaneous well-wishers.

THERE'S been quite a small hubbub about Mrs. Anna Winifred Beatrice Lockhart and her share of the $8,000,000 estate left by her uncle, the late H. Russell Pickering. Mrs. Lockhart's life and good fortune are far removed from ours, and yet our paths have crossed; her experience has cost us our longtime faith in the accuracy of the New York Times, the paper we had always sworn by. The Times, under date of January 28th, headlined a news item: "Fortune Left Woman If She Moves to U.S.", and went on to say that most of the estate would go to Mrs. Lockhart "if she consents to make her permanent home in Bucks County". Not to bedevil Mrs. Lockhart any further, but taking umbrage on behalf of the County —the headline really should have read ". .If She Moves to Bucks County"— we looked into the matter a little more closely and discovered that the Times report was nonsensically inaccurate. Mrs. Lockhart will inherit her share of the estate whether she moves into the County or not, and the only issue in question is the family home, which, if she does not move into it, will be turned into a nursing home with a $200,000 fund set aside for its maintenance. Incidentally, although most people are probably under the impression that Mrs. Lockhart will be walking around with satchels stuffed with $8,000,000 worth of small bills, that's not the case either; actually, she benefits only to the extent of the income from three-quarters of whatever is left of the estate after other bequests, costs and taxes have been deducted. We present all this not as an invasion of Mrs. Lockhart's privacy, but in the interest of fact and clarification, and certainly wish her well with her inheritance. As to the New York Times, the pain of our bruised faith in them is assuaged only by the restoration of our confidence in the late Mr. Pickering's judgment; we knew no-one would think it necessary to pay anyone $8,000,000 to come and live in Bucks County.

BROWSING through the Philadelphia telephone directory the other day, (some of our favorite reading, if the stories weren't so awfully short), we ran across an almost unbelievable entry. Right there on page 1292 of the 1955 directory is a listing for *Wolfeschlegelsteinhausenbergerdorff, Hubert B., Senior.* Comment here is almost superfluous; the entry itself conjures up a host of questions and fancies, presenting opportunities for flights of imagination almost unparalleled since Cyrano's famous soliloquy on his nose. We would consider this too an invasion of individual privacy, except that we're sure most people won't have the wind to do anything about it. The situation we'd most like to overhear would be Hubert B. Senior placing a person-to-person long-distance phone call to Hubert B. Jr., and the operator's comment when she gets the answer to: "And who is calling him, please?"

AT the recent concert of the Delaware Valley Philharmonic Society (they have another series in March) visiting soloist Orlando Otey was heard in a fine rendition of Beethoven's Piano Concerto in G Major. During the intermission, we overheard a classic in contemporary musical criticism. Young man to the young lady he was escorting: "Well, there's certainly nothing chintzy about Beethoven."

JUST as this was being written, the Doylestown fire siren began to wail; since our offices are right across the street from the firehouse, every time the siren blows, we all run like a bunch of Dalmatians. We are always impressed by the performance of the Doylestown company, volunteer but thoroughly professional. This morning within three minutes of the first note of the siren every engine was under way, and that is slower time than generally. There's no particular news to this item, but it does seem as if we cannot too often be reminded of how comforting it is to have a volunteer fire company, and how much they deserve our support.

THE hand of atomic destiny knocked last month for a brief moment on the door of neighboring Lambertville, New Jersey, with reports of uranium discoveries in the area. Visions of a local Klondike exploded momentarily on the horizon, and then were gone as quickly as they came. And yet, it wasn't quite the same. Your mind's eye looked for a brawny pack of hobnail-booted, bearded swashbucklers marching down the main street of Lambertville with packs, picks and pans, but all it found was the rachitic thought of bespectacled young engineers with Geiger counters. The announcement of the discovery came on Monday, February 13th, and by the next day was effectively dismissed by geological authorities. An unconfirmed source had it that the Gatling brothers, who reported the strike, commented on seeing the papers on Tuesday: "Oh, well, *sic transit* Monday's *gloria.*"

ALONG with the advent of Spring, other earth-shaking celebrations will be taking place across the nation. March has been declared "One-Dish Meals with Cheese Month"; subsidiary weekly commemorations include National Peanut Week, (signalled, no doubt, by goobernatorial proclamations from the executive mansions of the several states), National Smile Week, Irish Linen Week (tootal-te-tootal go the fifes), Dried Fruit Week (say "prunes", girls), and hand in hand from the 18th to the 24th of March go National Salesmen's Week and National Wildlife Week, to the slight confusion of some bystanders unable as it is now to distinguish between salesmen and wildlife. The month winds up in a blaze of glory with "Let's Play Ball Week", while the Senate works itself into a lather investigating lobbyists who suggest just that.

—*A. M.*

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Contentment and cracker-barrel philosophy
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Sam Heed's country store at Lumberville
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tobacco, whiskey, brown sugar.
Only the store cat is missing —
out mousing in the shed,
or prowling the March thaws
for succulent young rabbit.

Give a Man Enough Rope

mr. klatzing laughs at murder

by Sara Maynard Clark

THIS is a tale to be told on a dark spring night with the first thunder storm rolling over the black hills; told before an open fire whose flames, rising and dying, animate every shadow. It is the true story of a man in Hilltown township who refused to be hung, of a murder victim who had the last laugh.

Klatzing watched his wife move about their well-scrubbed kitchen aware of her anger in her every movement. She slammed a deep bowl of soup down in front of him as though she would rather slam it over his head. Some of it slopped on his hand. He jerked it away in sudden pain. He watched her break a two-inch-thick stick of apple-wood over her knee and stuff it into the coal range.

When he had married her ten years next June, she was a buxom girl with taffy-colored braids, a full bosom, ample hips and round, strong arms. Her thick braids had faded to a field-mouse beige, her bosom was large and heavy, her hips shook as she walked toward the table. Her arms were still round and firm and strong.

Klatzing watched her warily to see if she too ate some of the soup. She did. So he hungrily consumed his own. In the last few weeks, since a violent spell of indigestion had followed a dish of schmierkaese he had eaten, he was wary. There had been but the one dish of schmierkaese and it'd had a queer taste.

Lately Klatzing's wife made it plain she no longer liked him. She nagged him, made him sleep on the sagging old couch in the back bedroom under the eaves and "made it hot for him" in a dozen ways. Klatzing was a stubborn man. He had built his own house and he had cultivated his soil to a higher fertility than either the Moyers or the Wismers who lived across the road. He would not be driven away.

KLATZING pushed back from the table and leaned against the east window, his gaze running over the fallow fields which almost touched the edge of the village of Blooming Glen.

"I'm going to the store," his wife said harshly, "for buckwheat flour . . . . and rat poison. There's a rat in the house."

Goosepimples prickled over Klatzing's arms. The colony of nimble barn cats had long ago killed the last rat. Now if they wanted a rodent for supper they had to scour the orchard for a tidbit of field mouse. There had been no rats for a long time. He was the rat.

He went out, circled the barn and struck off down the road to Blooming Glen. At the Bishop Brothers general store he cornered the youngest brother, the one he knew best. They had courted their wives together. Always on New Years Eve he would fire his first shot over Bishop's house, then after a glass of schnopps, Bishop would get his horse fiddle and they would continue shooting the New Year together. He could trust Bishop.

"Something's come over my wife lately," he confided. "Don't know what, but you can help me."

"Anything, Klatzing, anything," shouted Bishop with hearty friendliness as he drew a jug of vinegar.

"When my wife comes in here and asks for rat poison, you weigh out flour instead."

"And why, if she wants rat poison?" Bishop looked confused.

"Because we got no rats. Will you do it?"

Bishop wiped his hands on his butcher's apron and shrugged his shoulders. "Yes, yes, I do it. If you say so, Klatzing, I do it."

Klatzing left the store with a light step. Once Bishop gave his word, he could stake his life on it. At lamplight time his wife came into the kitchen with two shining pails of milk. She was a good clean milker, there was never any dirt in the milk strainer. He carried the milk to the springhouse, then eased himself into the high-backed rocker in the corner of the kitchen and watched her deft movements at the stove. She turned, and for the first time in weeks, smiled at him.

"Buckwheat cakes I'm making," she said as she set a stone jug of molasses on the table.

"All right," said Klatzing, "that will suit me; I'm death on buckwheat cakes."

When she went out to the springhouse

for eggs, Klatzing leaped to the dresser where a small sack stood by the bag of buckwheat flour. He scooped up a bit of white powder, smelled it, tasted it, and grinning, went back to his rocking chair. He could trust Bishop.

Klatzing ate a dozen or so of the delicately browned cakes as the bright, eager eyes of his wife watched every mouthful. As he ate he thought out a plan, a nice neat trap, not set for the rat, but by the rat.

PRESENTLY he began to complain of a pain in his stomach, and as the agony apparently increased he told his wife to call a doctor or he would die. He staggered into the dining room where he fell to the floor, writhing and moaning. He heard her heavy tread in the kitchen, but no anxious shout across the street to the Moyers to run for the doctor. In a few minutes Klatzing lay motionless. His wife approached, stood beside him long enough to conclude he was dead, then went up the stairs.

The "dead" man opened his eyes enough to see a heavy rope, the end carefully noosed, come snaking down through the stovepipe hole from the bedroom above.

He had taken down the stovepipe only the day before preparing to move the tall Morning Glory stove out in the shed for the summer. He had bought that beautiful stove in Allentown, the only one like it in the neighborhood. When the noose touched the dining room floor he heard his wife fastening the other end to the bedpost. Then she came down stairs and slipped the noose around his neck and went back. The moment she closed the stair door, Klatzing silently arose, took the noose from his neck and threw it over the "Morning Glory" stove, fastening it tightly.

Almost immediately he heard his wife pulling on the rope. The stove rose steadily upward until it was about two feet off the floor. Then she secured the rope to the bedpost and opened the front window.

"Murder! Murder!" she screamed. "Help! My husband's committed suicide."

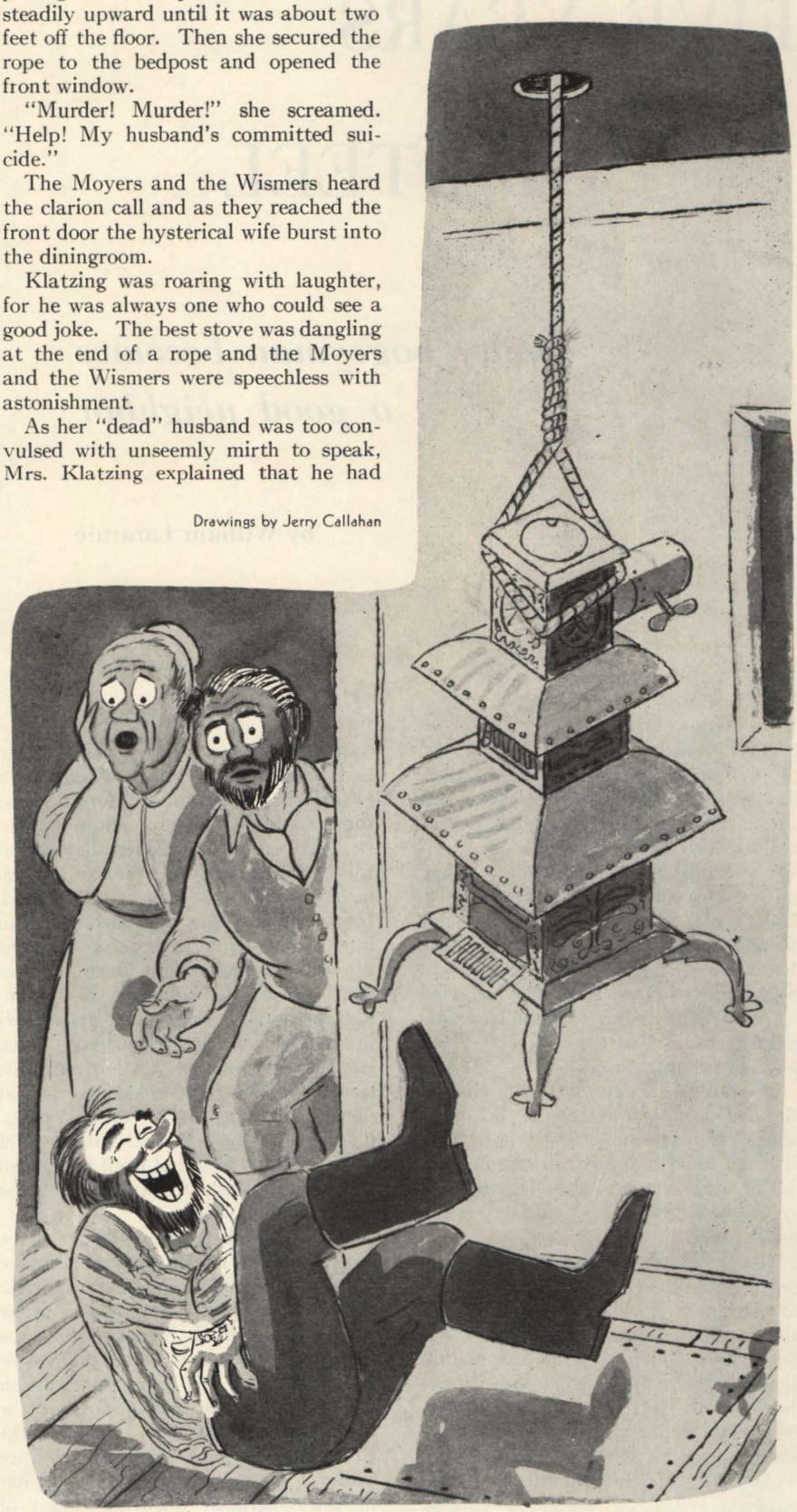
The Moyers and the Wismers heard the clarion call and as they reached the front door the hysterical wife burst into the diningroom.

Klatzing was roaring with laughter, for he was always one who could see a good joke. The best stove was dangling at the end of a rope and the Moyers and the Wismers were speechless with astonishment.

As her "dead" husband was too convulsed with unseemly mirth to speak, Mrs. Klatzing explained that he had set up a joke on her, to scare the life out of her.

Early the next morning Mr. Klatzing backed the big wagon up to the door, loaded in a trunk and his "Morning Glory" stove and departed. He was weary of outwitting that kind of a life partner. •

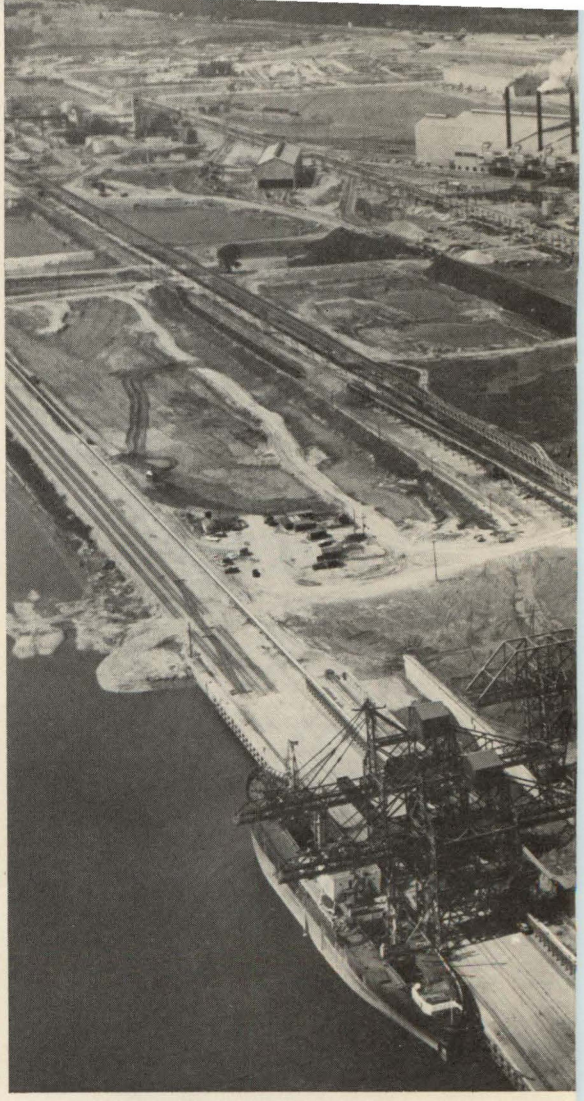
Drawings by Jerry Callahan



FIVE YEARS OF STEEL

county bogeyman becomes a good neighbor

by William Laramie



Photos Courtesy U. S. Steel

FIVE years ago this March first, within a few minutes of each other, two special trains from New York and Pittsburgh pulled slowly past the ancient and deserted station of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Morrisville. They moved at a snail's pace over a newly-laid section of light track onto a flat section of land in the big bend of the Delaware River south of the town. Some few minutes later, they crawled to a stop and began to disembark 700 passengers in what a few weeks earlier had been a broccoli field.

It was a heavily overcast, chilling day. Up to a few minutes before, a wet snow had been falling but by now it had turned to a light drizzle of rain. Most of the passengers leaving the trains were dressed for a cold day in the out-of-doors.

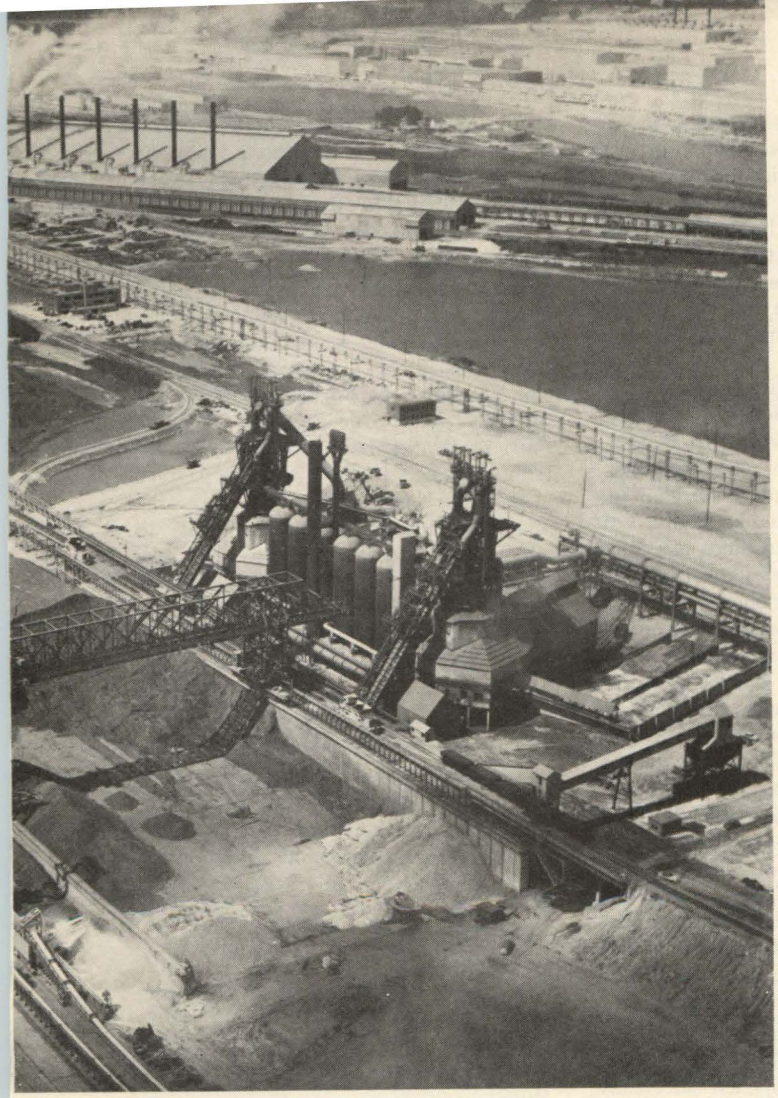
They were important people, representing the higher councils of industry, finance and government. Many of their names were household words throughout America, or at least within the circulation area of The Wall Street Journal. It was a strange assembly, certainly, to be gathered in a Bucks County broccoli field.

As they stepped from the train, the passengers walked under a canopy that led to the entrance of a huge green and white-striped tent. This was a pleasant surprise to all, for at least they would not be exposed to the inclement weather. Inside, they found the ground dry and the air warm, heated for their comfort. Although they were in a tent in a barren field in late winter, from the decor and the atmosphere they might have been in the foyer of the ballroom of a Manhattan hotel. Uniformed attendants invited them to check their coats, hats, galoshes and mufflers. A few moments later, the 700 assembled guests sat down to a luncheon of many courses, highlighted by charcoal-broiled filet mignon which would of itself have been a source of pride for any one of the nation's fine hotels.

It was March 1, 1951. This was the reception and ceremony to mark the turning of the first spade of earth for the construction of the new Fairless Works of United States Steel, the largest fully-integrated steel plant ever to be built at one time. It was an event which would change forever the community pattern of Lower Bucks County and much of the Delaware Valley. Reverberations would be felt in the innermost financial circles of New York and Philadelphia. It was an occasion that would eventually affect the lives of hundreds of thousands of people all over the country, and especially here in Bucks County.

There were mixed feelings among the guests present. Some of the nation's financial experts sensed a feeling of assurance as the country's largest basic steel producer gave concrete testimony of its confidence in the future in a moment fraught with international crisis which had its roots in far-off Korea. Business leaders from Philadelphia and nearby Trenton congratulated themselves as they foresaw an industrial renaissance that would create new capital investments, new production, new payrolls in a large area on both sides of the historic Delaware.

Robert Morris, an astute observer of his era, wrote in 1797 about this same part of the county: "The town of Morrisville is admirably well calculated for a manufacturing place, situated between Philadelphia and New York, the great road passing through it. The intercourse with those great markets may be daily had and the transportation of articles by navigable water can at all times be commanded so that a little encouragement to merchants and manu-



Aerial view of U. S. Steel Corporation's Fairless Works. In the foreground is the water-filled slip where ocean going carriers bring in ore from foreign countries. Back of the slip, center, are unloading docks, ore storage yard, ore bridge and blast furnaces. To the right of this area is the power house. To right are the coke and by-products area, maintenance and storage facilities, open hearth shops and the sheet and tin mill area. In the distance can be seen the city of Trenton, New Jersey.

facturers would enliven and give value to this town".

Simon K. Moyer, then Chairman of the Bucks County Commissioners, joined Governor John Fine, of Pennsylvania, and Governor Alfred Driscoll, of New Jersey, in bidding welcome to the new industrial neighbor. Commissioner Moyer recalled that Morrisville had a place in the early history of the American iron industry with its slitting mill capable of slitting 400 tons of iron into nail rods every year, a rolling mill for rolling bar into sheet iron and hoops and making ship bolts, a shop for drawing wire and a forge for turning pig iron into bar iron.

Some people present were vaguely uneasy, especially those living nearby who had gunned for birds on the 3,900 acres which were even at that moment

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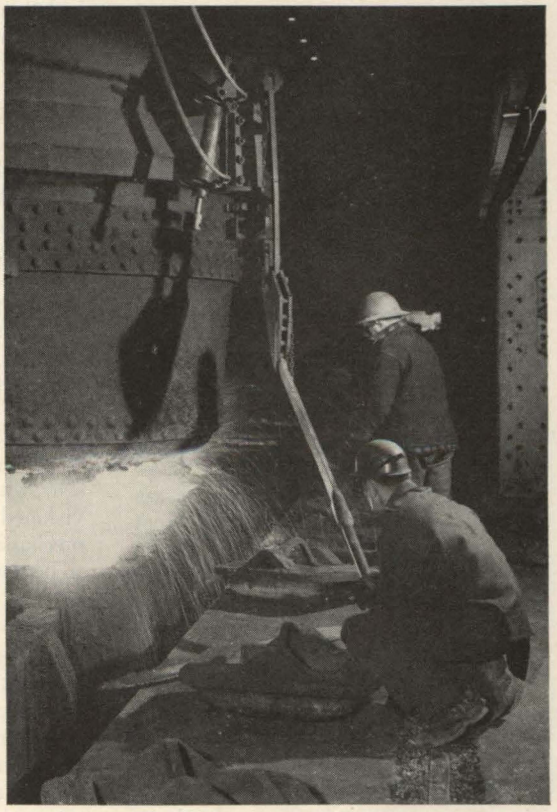

Molten steel from one of the nine open hearth furnaces, is teemed into ingot molds at the Fairless Works of United States Steel Corporation, near Morrisville, Pennsylvania. The man in foreground holds the stopper rod which controls the flow of steel into the mold. After the mold is filled, the ladle is moved to the next ingot mold.

The James Conklin family of Fairless Hills, Pa. "Jimmy" Conklin, a gas producer in the Utilities Department at the Fairless Works of United States Steel, came to Bucks County in February, 1953, from Brooklyn, New York. Taking an active interest in the affairs of his community, he joined the Fairless Hills Fire Company and last year was named "Chief". Left to right: Eileen, Colleen, Mrs. Conklin, Jimmy, Maureen and Kathleen.

being shut off by miles of high steel fence. Others, mindful of variously obtained impressions of the steel industry, were frankly fearful of what the arrival of a great steel plant would mean to the future of Bucks County.

However, United States Steel was not the first steel company in the County. The Durham Iron Works, eventually occupying nearly 8,000 acres, began operations in 1727 and continued with occasional lapses for a total of 181 years. The output of pig iron and castings averaged more than 350 gross tons annually for the first 62 years of its life. The Durham furnace of 1876 produced 38,525 gross tons in one year and was the latest word in blast furnace construction and the wonder and admiration of iron-masters who came to visit it. Gradually through mismanagement and inexperience, the Durham Iron Works lost ground and in 1912, the plant was dismantled and scrapped, the real estate divided and sold.

The memories of the people present on that cold March day in 1951 did not go back to the once most important industry in the County. Few had ever seen a steel mill, let alone one of the few built in the last half-century. Most impressions of steel mills held by Bucks Countians came from plants that were built around the turn of the century or before. Such plants had been portrayed in fiction or motion pictures. From such books as "Valley of Decision," many people entertained the idea that steel mills were huge noisome facilities that inevitably cast a pall of smoke for miles in every direction. The notion persisted that such plants were populated by hordes of unskilled, grimy laborers, largely of recent foreign extraction. Off duty, the "iron puddlers" shifted for themselves and for their large families in areas that became crowded with unpainted, jerry-built houses. Regardless of the prospect of apparent economic benefits envisioned by some, there were many who found the outlook of the social impact of this development too frightful to contemplate. To these people, the shovelful of earth Ben Fairless turned at the ground-breaking was for the grave of the good life.

But that was five years ago.

Today, as most Bucks Countians look back upon their emotions of that time, they are aware of several things. True, the area has undergone change, as most people predicted it would and as was inevitable. But there has long since been a realization, by most people, that only those predictions that were favorable to the future of Bucks County have transpired as a direct result of the arrival of the Fairless Works. Apprehensions concerned with blight and social upheaval had soon been proven to be unfounded. The new people brought here to operate the plant had turned out to be high-skilled technicians who took an active and progressive interest in the welfare of the community. United States Steel itself, which at one time had been envisioned as a huge, cold, impersonal and mechanized bogeyman, had turned out to be a warm and friendly neighbor with a very real interest in the areas in which its employees lived.

A great deal has happened since that memorable day in the broccoli field. Most significant has been the realization that this area has been touched by the hand of a new destiny, and the acceptance of the challenge of each successive event. There is a growing understanding that what has happened was bound to happen; that it is not due to Steel alone, but a part of the economic and social chemistry of America and our times. If one can consider such things in the shallow retrospect of five years, most Bucks Countians can agree that March 1, 1951 was an important day in the history of this area.

This is the fifth anniversary of the Fairless Works and, especially in view of the attitudes toward it which existed in some circles five years ago, it deserves being marked by a new appraisal of what this great industrial plant has come to mean to Bucks County. Particularly is this true because, while the Fairless Works has undoubtedly contributed much to the changing pattern of the area, there seems to be widespread misunderstanding of the extent to which this plant has influenced such change. It is responsible, but only in part, for what has taken place.

As we look back and study what has happened in Bucks County during the past five years, we are struck by a strange and fortunate coincidence. United States Steel says—and in view of the facts, it can be believed—that its arrival on the county scene was the result and not the cause of a pattern of industrial and economic growth that was already well underway before the Fairless Works was started. And the facts demonstrate that not only was there a marked trend of industrial expansion in the Delaware Valley prior to 1951, but the years just preceding Steel's arrival saw substantial increases in population in every section of Lower Bucks County.

The arithmetic of the Bucks County situation is interesting and amply demonstrates what is happening; and, in fact, the unimportance of the Fairless Works as a dominant influence in these events. United States Steel employees some 6,500 people at its new plant, but of this number only about 1,800—management people and skilled steel production workers—were brought here from other steel producing centers. The remainder of its employees, or some 4,700 people, was recruited from areas within a radius of 25 miles of the plant. In other words, this larger number of employees of the steel plant already had roots in this area, established homes from which they commute to work each day. And so, actually, the steel plant itself created a market for only about 1,800 homes.

On the other hand, Mr. Levitt is well along toward completion of his development of some 16,000 new dwellings, which are being sold and occupied as fast as he can build them. Scores of other builders are putting up thousands of additional homes, from just a few custom-built dwellings to developments of several hundred units. They, too, are finding a ready market for these homes. Residential development in Bucks County is not confined to the

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Night view of the Hazel blast furnace and cast house at U. S. Steel's Fairless Works near Morrsiville, Pa.

The Awakening Moon

tuckemony, last of the delawares

by Chief One Star

Drawings by Chief One Star

THE month of March on the white man's calendar was the time of the Awakening Moon to the red men of Bucks County. So I bid you all a Happy New Year. It is the time when Nature wakes from her sleep of the past Snow, the Indian's measure of the year. About March 21st the Great Spirit calls to the Thunder Bird to flap its mighty wings and arouse all His sleeping universe. This is the time when He sends the moon to commune with the sun. The sun pours forth its magic, the sap begins to rise in the trees, plants push upward from the earth, bird songs grow stronger. The moon spreads its enchantment on the waters and fish begin their long journey upstream to spawn. Everything wakens, ready to live again. It is the Awakening Moon. It is Spring, the white man's Easter, the Indian's New Year.

As the campfire burns low after the waning of day, the Indian meditates in silence. The men reflect on the animals they have regretfully killed for food. They wonder if some things they did in the past Snow should have been left undone. They think of the coming moons, of their nets for fishing, of their hunting, and of their loved ones. The young men look forward to wooing, how they will fill themselves with songs that will rise above the tom-tom, the rattle and the flute. The maiden will hear and respond to the brave of her choice.

ON the eve of the Awakening Moon, Tuckemony, last of the proud Delawares in Bucks County, sat with his two daughters in their cabin close by Haycock Mountain. Many Snows had passed over him and he was growing old. It was hard to make enough baskets to sell at Jacob Buck's store at Stony Point to buy meal. Long he meditated on his blood relations and the friends who had gone far off to the South, of the near-by friends who were so kind. From his corner of the cabin he looked at his daughters. They, too, were in meditation, the fire on the stone hearth casting flickering shadows on their smooth dark features. Fire was the gift of the sun to the Indian and Tuckemony never failed to express his silent thanks.

Tuckemony, in meditation, found his heart sick for his own people residing to the South, many sleeps (nights) and wakes (days) away. He resolved that when the trees had put on their full splendor, he and his daughters would take a last trip along the old trails he had known so many years and then depart southward.

THE day came when Tuckemony burned his basket-making materials. He stood with arms extended upward while the smoke swirled toward the sky. Then, with his daughters and his dog, he set out along the old trails he had traveled since boyhood, the trails his forebears knew. As they neared Haycock Mountain he pointed out to his daughters the spot where the last bear was killed by his people, where wolves and bobcats had their haunts.

They reached the top of the mountain and ascended the great table rocks where many a Delaware sentinel had stood and gazed over the surrounding countryside, ready to send up a smoke signal for game or for danger.

Down below them nestled the villages of Sellersville, Pleasant Valley, Springtown, Ottsville, lying like a swastika—the four winds, the four points of the compass. Raising their hands upward they viewed for the last time all the beauty before them. Then they slowly descended the mountain trail toward the Tohickon. They paused at a spot where once danced the Star Maidens of their legends. Here Tuckemony took from around his wrist an object of shell and buried it in the soft earth. The girls did likewise as they chanted, "Let Mother Earth here receive this token from us forever."

Finally they reached Tohickon Creek and found the old trails leading to the Delaware. At a wide and deep point on the creek he hurled another object into the friendly waters, a token of thanksgiving and remembrance. Silently they walked, never once looking backward, until they found, concealed in a thicket where the waters widened to meet the river, two bark canoes. The canoe which was filled with necessities was launched first; then the traveling canoe was placed lightly on the water, both canoes linked together, bow to stern.

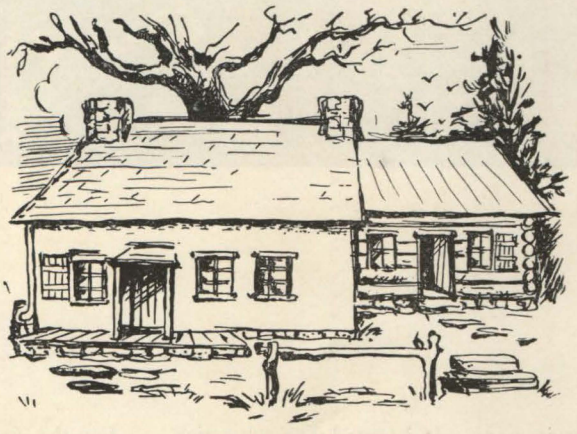
They glided out into the Delaware, turning southward with strong strokes of their paddles.

And so Tuckemony traveled his last trail and went away forever from the land of his birth.

Shady trees are part of the tranquil charm which has always characterized Doylestown—tellingly caught on a lovely summer's day in a magnificent aerial photo by Maynard Clark.

county crossroads:

DOYLESTOWN



Doyle's Tavern, 1745, where the young blades of the community spent their evenings, the Dungans, Flacks, Griers, Johnsons, Snodgrasses and other pioneers.

by Betty Reid

DOYLESTOWN was born of a roadside inn and a log cabin," said General W. W. H. Davis, Bucks County's most illustrious historian.

Bucks County was only sixty-three years old in 1745 when a small tavern was licensed to William Doyle, close by the crossing of two "great roads" intersecting near the top of a hill overlooking the rolling wooded countryside. These so-called "great roads" were in reality little more than wagon ruts through a virgin forest but they were destined to become Route 202 and Route 611. In those pre-Revolutionary days they were known as the road from Wells' Ferry to the Potomack and the road from Philadelphia to Durham.

The infant town was a long time agrowing. Right up to the stirring days of 1778, when Doyle's Tavern finally appeared on the map as Doylestown, there were less than a handful of log houses clustered around the intersection of the "great roads". The town has come a long way since, but not without periods of lethargy, bitterness and complacency, and not without invoking the ire of at least one neighboring community.

By 1800 the original log tavern had been replaced by a more commodious one which changed names under a succession of landlords until, in 1879, landlord William Corson named it the "Fountain House", in view of the small fountain he had constructed in the court yard.

Two other taverns were opened at the intersection. One was The Ship, a long stone building which stood until 1874, when it was torn down to make way for Lenape Hall. It had been the polling place for the town until precincts were established. The other tavern was the Mansion House, first built for a dwelling by Robert Magill but licensed as a tavern and kept as such by the Magills until 1834. A succession of landlords maintained the Mansion House until, just before the turn of the century, it became a bakery. Finally a corner of the former inn became Gardy's stationery store.

Besides the three taverns and half-a-dozen log houses there was the blacksmith shop of Joseph Fell where the County Administration Building now stands. Joseph Pool kept a groggery shop on West State Street and Jesse Fell and Nathaniel Shewell kept stores. (The offices of *The Traveler* are now located on Shewell Avenue.)

The first attempt at publishing a newspaper in Doylestown was unsuccessful, but in 1804 a Connecticut Yankee named Asher Miner arrived in town with an old press and a few fonts of type and set up a print shop in the back of Barton Stewart's log house where the *Intelligencer* office is today. He called his paper "The Pennsylvania Correspondent and Farmers' Advocate". The first issue, which came off the press on July 7, 1804, was to a large extent a give-away and caused a great stir of

The members of the Doylestown Bar in 1902. Perhaps some of our readers can identify the gentlemen.

excitement. It boasted one advertisement and the subscription price was $2, if called for at the office; delivery by post rider was extra. Those who lacked cash could barter for a subscription and large bins were supplied on the ground floor where subscribers could deposit their payments in the form of flour, corn, firewood, hay, vegetables and other commodities.

By 1804 enough people had gathered in the village and the surrounding townships to warrant a private school. The necessary funds were raised by subscription and a lottery, and Union Academy was built on land donated by John Hough, who stipulated that one room of the new school was to be reserved for religious services. The Academy, under the direction of the Reverend Uriah DuBois, a Presbyterian minister, thrived and grew. It was both a boarding and a day school, the boarding pupils living with the family of the principal. Parents of pupils who attended through the winter had to arrange to supply their share of firewood.

Doylestown became quite an educational center in the years before the public school system was adopted. At various times, besides Union Academy, there was Murray's Select Boarding School for Boys, Mary Cox's Doylestown Boarding School for Girls, Frederick Lauener's German boarding school, Mr. and Mrs. L. Hawley's Doylestown Female Seminary, Miss Sarah Kun's Greenfield Seminary, the Ingham Female Seminary, and many small private schools in individual homes. When the public school system went into effect in 1850, Union Academy closed and the building was used for the first public school in Doylestown. In 1890 it was torn down and the present elementary borough school was built on the site.

Two private schools flourished for a time in spite of the public schools. They were the "Linden Seminary" and the "Doylestown Seminary".

One of the inducements for people to send their children to the early private schools was the excellent stage service through the town. As early as 1792 John Nicholaus ran a stage from Philadelphia to Easton through Doylestown. Lawrence Erb put on a rival stage two years later, running his by the same route, on the same days (down on Mondays and up on Thursdays) and charging the same fare. In addition, Erb allowed ten pounds of baggage per passenger.

There was romance in transportation in the days of the stage lines. The drivers were usually devil-may-care, swashbuckling individuals who would drive into town at a gallop, cracking their long whips over the flanks of the horses and tooting their horns to announce the arrival of the stage. Horses were usually changed at Doylestown. Hostlers would spring to catch the reins tossed down by the driver. Then the driver and his passengers would enter a tavern to slake their thirst and eat a hasty meal. The departure of a stage was also accomplished with much noise and excitement, the horn shattering the quiet of the village street, the fresh horses off at a gallop—down Germany Hill on their way north, or down Ireland Hill on their way south.

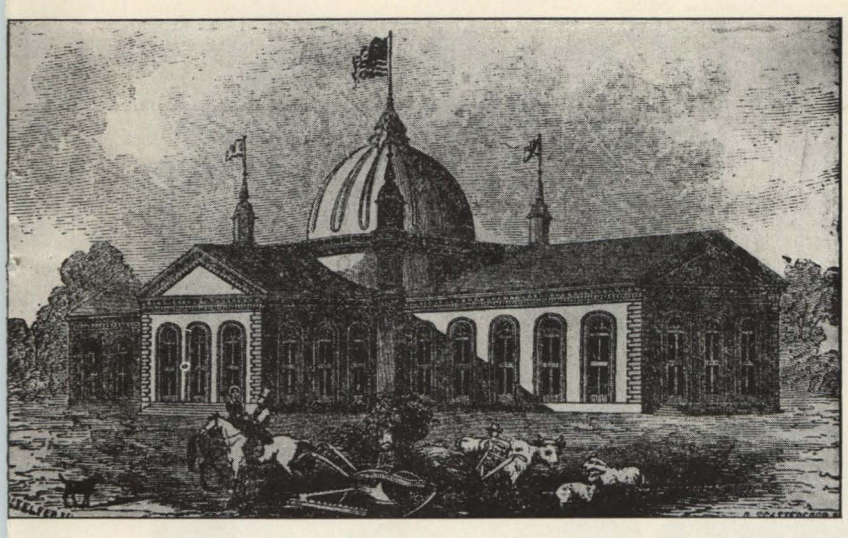
During the first half of the 19th Century stage lines bisected every part of Bucks County except the German townships to the north and west. Stages to Bethlehem and Easton served the northern end of the County. Doylestown was the hub from which radiated the stage routes like spokes of a wheel, to New York by way of New Hope, to Willow Grove by way of Hartsville and Hatboro and thence to Philadelphia, to Philadelphia by way of Montgomery Square, Spring House, Chestnut Hill and Germantown. One stage line left Pettit's Tavern (later the Fountain House) for Philadelphia via New Hope, Hartsville, Hatboro and Jenkintown. Still another went three times a week by way of Pineville and Bristol and then by boat to Philadelphia.

The "High Grass Line" not only gave its female passengers the nervous vapors but also had the distinction of operating the first stage to make the round trip from Doylestown to Philadelphia in a day. Benny Clark was the proprietor and driver and he inadvertently coined the name for his stage line by often shouting at his horses: "Get out of the high grass!"

James Reeside was a stage line tycoon who was known as the "Land Admiral". He introduced elegant new Troy coaches which carried nine passengers in addition to the driver.

It is interesting to note, in passing, that if a citizen owned a balky horse or one fond of kicking, he would hitch it to a stage as a wheel horse for a few trips, a sure cure for equine bad habits.

In addition to passengers, the stages carried the mail on the main routes while post riders carried the "Cross Mails" to outlying communities and between villages not connected by the main stage routes. The "Cross Mails" went into the German townships and



(Left): In 1885 William Beek erected a huge exhibition hall on the land now occupied by Central Bucks High School. (Below): The courthouse was built in 1812 when the village of Doylestown became the County Seat. The event stimulated construction on a large scale in the growing community. (Bottom): Shive's Hardware Store at the corner of State and Main Streets, built in 1832, has been used continuously as a hardware store ever since. In 1909 it was bought by Charles Shive, the present proprietor.

were the forerunners of today's rural delivery routes.

With the coming of the railroad to Doylestown in 1856, the picturesque stage coaches and their lusty drivers passed forever from the Bucks County scene. By then Doylestown was the capital of the County and well on its way to becoming a thriving small city.

It was around 1810 that the crossroads town began a more rapid growth. Besides Union Academy, "The Pennsylvania Correspondent and Farmers' Advocate", the postoffice (established in 1802), the smithy and several stores, other artisans and merchants arrived. Daniel Farley set up a shop over Asher Miner's printing establishment in which he painted signs and portraits. Four shoemakers—Andrew Dennison, Simon Jameson, Meshash Miner, Jr., and William Huntsmen—called a meeting for the "proper regulation of prices". John Knight had a hatter's shop, Goden Hall was a tailor and Daniel M'Intosh was in the spinning-wheel and windsor-chair-making business.

Kicking off its swaddling clothes, the small town raised its voice loud enough to be heard over the County and engaged in its first fight. The opponent was the older and larger community of Newtown, the County Seat, possessed of a decrepit court house and inadequate county buildings. When the smoke cleared away, Doylestown emerged as the County Seat and the possessor of a new court house and a jail. It took more than a generation for the bitterness of that battle to clear away.

As the capital of the County, Doylestown experienced its first boom. Law-

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falling down stairs

started new trend

Roberts and Dorothy Tapley

ART BY THE YARD

by Constance A. Ward

Mrs. Donald Farkas of Grosse Point, Michigan, displays a white evening dress with black lace mantilla.

EVER since an Easter Sunday morning in New York when I caught my first glimpse of meticulously groomed gentlemen tipping their shiny silk hats to lovely ladies who were strolling in fine array along Fifth Avenue with their escorts, I've often wondered how the fashion parade ever got its start to make Easter apparel an accepted part of Easter.

Remembering the advice; *"Ask the experts,"* I went to the Tapleys. Their fund of knowledge and wide range of interests make them a ready source of information on a great variety of subjects. Apparel is their specialty. Working together, Dorothy and Roberts Tapley design, decorate and make clothes. Their studio, workshop and display room are west of New Hope on Route 202 in a long, low-roofed white building.

They had the answer for me on Easter finery. "It probably grew out of the custom of ancient-day festivals when the women bedecked themselves with garlands of flowers to honor *Eostre*, goddess of spring," Roberts told me. "Does that satisfy you for an origin? Of course, there is much more to it than that."

Before he'd delved too far into Teutonic mythology, Dorothy brought us back to 1956. "It's always a compliment to the people you're with to look your best," she said. "And it's natural to dress up to honor a celebration."

"Ben Jonson felt you shouldn't limit dressing-up to special occasions," Roberts added. "You remember his: *'Still to be neat, still to be drest, as you were going to a feast.'* "

I caught a glimmer there of what lies behind the Tapleys' artistic achievement in making beautiful clothes. Ben Jonson's line might be their slogan. They delight in helping people to attain the look of expectancy and self-confidence that comes with knowing that one is well dressed.

The sign outside their shop reads: *Country Casuals and Hand Decorated Clothes*, an understatement if I ever saw one. Going into the Tapleys' shop is like suddenly entering a new kind of wonderland of color-and-beauty-run-riot. And you're still fairly in a daze looking at the silver and gold-painted skirts that decorate the walls when either Dorothy or Roberts or their assistant and general factotum, Mary Rice, of Lahaska, greet you with a cordial "It's so nice to see you. Wouldn't you like a cup of coffee?"

It's a very *different* kind of a dress shop. Except for their stock of casuals, which includes town-and-travel dresses, ensembles and tailor-made suits as well as country wear, their display room is wholly dependent on the studio and workshop where the Tapleys make their dressy dresses and the skirts for their *party-separates*.

Dorothy Tapley's forte is distinctive style designing, pattern drafting, draping, cutting and fitting. She takes time out, too, to dye the white fabrics which they purchase. Roberts designs the

Actress Billie Farber, who lives on the Jersey side of the Delaware River, models a Tapley creation and below, Sara Seegar (Mrs. Ezra Stone of Newtown), noted actress, and Betty Leydon (Mrs. John K. Leydon of Lahaska) wear Tapley dresses at a fund-raising drive.

decorations. He cuts his own blocks for the hand-printing of the design, arranging the individual blocks to form the pattern on the fabric after the skirts are made. On fabrics with over-all decoration, he does the painting and accessory processes.

Among the many firms that make women's clothes, the Tapleys are almost alone in being in direct contact with retail buyers. The dresses that they make for display, from sheath skirts and dresses to spreading skirts, are styled so that they can be most effectively adapted to the customer, who can have a wide choice of color and decoration in blended, subdued or vividly dramatic effects. The dress is then made to order. This, of course, is a dream-come-true for well proportioned but very small or very large women, and an end to the regular-size women's fear of running into their double at a party.

Dorothy's gift as a *couturiere* has a background of study in costume design at Simmons in Boston, Mass., and sewing lessons throughout her high-school days in Rochester, N. Y., from Katie Killam, seamstress, who came to the house at the turn of each season to sew for the family.

"But I've had to experiment a lot with the dyeing," she explained. "Especially in dyeing nylons. Mr. Newman has been such a help. He's the kindest man I know."

This kind man, it turns out, is Mr. D. C. Newman, one of the officers in the synthetic materials division at Dupont. The Tapleys were pioneers in hand block-printing on nylon, so their experiments are of utmost interest. From Mr. Newman they've had advice on the latest methods in special-shades techniques to guarantee their nylons

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yers, judges, County employees moved in. New taverns opened. In the triangle where the Administration Building stands, Joseph Fell's old smithy was enlarged into the historic Indian Queen, a hostelry handy to the court and stage lines. On the corner of Broad and North Main Streets the Green Tree Tavern blossomed forth. At East Court and Pine Streets was established the Citizen's Temperance House, but after a change of ownership the "Temperance" was dropped and a license secured to sell spirits.

John Ross bought the Indian Queen tavern and transformed it into the Ross mansion. Subsequently the Court Inn was built almost across the street from the mansion. Later the frame construction of the inn was replaced with brick and became the Bucks County Inn.

On North Main Street, in the area that has always been known as Germany, was a clear spring of water and here another inn was built. It was originally called the "Spring House", later the "Bucks County Farmer" and then the "Clear Spring Hotel" which has undergone little change until recently, when G. B. Patton acquired it. One of its former landlords, Jacob Overholt, once advertised that a handsome fox would be released from his inn and invited all hunters with good dogs and fleet horses to join the chase.

During the stage coach era, right up to our mechanized age, Bucks County was noted for its fine horses, which were a great temptation to horse thieves. Since there was no state police, no telephones, and for many years no telegraph, every community had its "horse company", a volunteer organization for the apprehension of horse thieves and the recovery of stolen property. Doylestown was no exception. The Union Horse Company of Doylestown and Vicinity was organized in 1834. It was a small company in relation to the population of the community and its activities covered a wide area under the direction of its first president, General Samuel A. Smith, former Congressman and, for many years, owner of a general merchandise store in Doylestown. Major General Smith had attained his military rank in the militia.

To retain membership in the Union Horse Company of Doylestown, a member had to "walk the straight and narrow". If he was convicted in any court of justice of a felonious practice he could no longer retain his membership in the organization. Any member showing up in an intoxicated condition was compelled to quit the room and pay a fine of 50c. The second such offense cost him one dollar. Smoking a cigar in the assembly room drew a fine of 12½c. Anyone talking or interrupting a speaker was reprimanded and fined another 12½c (Congress please note). If he repeated the offense a second time, the fine was doubled. A 25c fine was imposed on a member for "manifesting unbecoming warmth in debate, making personal reproaches or not speaking on the subject under discussion" (Again, Congress please note). However, this fine was only imposed if the member had to be called to order a second time.

When the Company was "alerted", members were teamed in pairs and assigned a route to patrol, some of which extended as far as West Chester, Downingtown, King of Prussia, the Water Gap, and Philadelphia. These routes were a closely guarded secret. There were thirty-one routes which fanned out from Doylestown in all directions and which were covered by the members of the Company on horseback. The advent of the telegraph simplified the work of these "horse detectives".

Although the days of large-scale horse thievery in Bucks County have passed and the *raison d'etre* for the Union Horse Company of Doylestown is no more, the all-important annual meeting is still held by its present-day members. Today the meeting is an amusing ceremony held at high noon during February at which new members, or "colts", are inducted into the Company. There are a sumptuous repast and speeches by distinguished citizens. While the Company is no longer actively engaged in tracking down horse thieves, the camaraderie still exists.

From its lusty youth, Doylestown seemed to lapse into a sort of premature old age, growing slowly, changing little. Fine homes were built around the courthouse square. Streets were shaded by avenues of lofty trees. The residents were satisfied with their town and in no great hurry to change its appearance. The ambitious and the forward-thinking individuals usually had a bitter fight on their hands whenever they advocated any improvements.

A strong contingent fought incorporation, but by 1838, despite violent opposition, the town finally became a borough. The first officers were: Chief Burgess, Abraham Chapman; Assistant Burgess, William Field; Councilmen Caleb E. Wright, Samuel A. Smith, Nathan Cornell, William Stokes, John B. Pugh, Asher D. Bennett, Nathaniel Hubbard, Moses Armstrong and Benjamin Vanluvanee. Thomas Dungan was constable.

At the first meeting, which was held in the Courthouse on June 25, 1838, four ordinances were passed. The first named the streets of Doylestown: Main, Green, York, State, East, West, Broad, Pine, Court, Church, Mechanics and Garden Alley. The second had to do with sheep, horses, cattle and swine running at large; the third was in regard to the town's growing dog population and the fourth prevented "shows and other nuisances in the borough of Doylestown".

From the days when people got their water from the Town Pump, water was a bone of contention for many years. The Town Pump was a deep well located at the junction of Shewell Avenue and Court Street from which water was raised by a well sweep, later by a windlass and finally through a primitive type of pump bored through the center of a tree trunk. When it was decreed that all families living in that part of town should use the Town Pump, some of the socialite ladies objected to mingling their buckets with those of the common citizenry and thereafter sent their servants to obtain water at the well.

In 1850 an attempt was made to install a city water system. Although the opposition was almost overwhelming, the Borough Council went so far as to buy the mill property where the Borough dam is today. It also secured a small plot of ground at the edge of the cemetery for a reservoir. City water was an election issue for nearly twenty years, with bitter feeling on both sides. Those opposed argued that wells had been good enough for grandfather and therefore good enough for the current citizenry. They pointed out that, in case of fire, the existing wells were as strategically placed as hydrants would be and therefore—why spend the money?

One memorable fire consumed Smith's frame house on August 26, 1839. Because the "engine" of the Friendship Fire Company was out of order at the time, women and children turned out "to a man" and carried water in buckets from the Mansion House pump. The reporter covering the conflagration neglected to say what the male citizenry was doing at the time. This was the first fire loss met by the Doylestown Insurance Company.

Finally in 1868 the city water advocates managed to elect a pro-water council, and their dream of having bathtubs became a reality.

Water bills were sent out yearly and payable semi-annually in April and October. As there were no water meters, rates were set according to the size of the building and the number of bathtubs, basins, etc. in a house. For each bathtub the charge was $3.00 a year, for each water closet, $4.00, for each stationary basin, $1.50, for each pavement wash (probably outside faucet) for a private house, $4.00, public house, $8.00. Professional men were

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Fireside Inn

Noel Boghetti photo

Young gourmet watches Bill set fire to a chafing-dish of Cherries Jubilee.

MANY people are under the erroneous impression that all of Bucks County's many fine eating places are located along the Delaware. Not so, and Bill Dino's Fireside Inn, on Old York Road (Route 263) just inside the county line from Hatboro, does much to make an inland evening out as much a treat as a visit to our friends along the river.

On a slight eminence beside this road stands a sturdy stone farmhouse which over its two hundred and fifty years has seen the comings and goings of a great deal of the history and growth of the County.

Don't imagine, though, that historic charm has been allowed to overshadow present-day needs for the operation of a really good restaurant. When Bill Dino decided that this was the place he wanted, he put the interior through a complete renovation, new modern kitchen, remodelled dining-rooms, all the comforts you'd want. The only reminder of the building's venerable past is its old stone-walled kitchen, today made into a pleasantly intimate bar painstakingly and capably tended by Wally.

The Fireside Inn opened at the end of January a year ago, as the fruition of Bill Dino's extensive background of restaurant and hotel experience. Victim of a fierce wanderlust, he left his native Florence at a very early age and set out to travel all through Europe, then to South and Central America, arriving in this country at sixteen.

When we asked Bill how he'd happened into the restaurant business, "It was very simple," he explained. "When I came to America, I got as far as Chicago and found I had seventy cents left in my pocket. Since I had to eat, the quickest and surest way to do it was to get a job in a restuarant." He started as a water-boy in the Hotel Blackstone, as good a place to eat in Chicago or any other city as you'd want to find. In fact, either the nourishment of the training, or both, must have been of remarkable calibre, for within three years, at the age of only nineteen, Bill wound up as manager of the famed luxurious Westchester-Biltmore Beach Club, in charge of a staff of twelve hundred employees. From then on, his career has been the management of some of the outstanding hotel and resort club names of the East, most recently for nine years at Philadelphia's Philmont Country Club.

Family life, however, suffers under the heavy demands of club management, and Bill decided it was about time that he, his charming wife Isabel, and their son Billy, now three, had a place of their own where they could see a little more of one another, even if it meant more work than a fully staffed establishment.

The Inn's first year of operation has proved highly gratifying, both to the Dinos and to the many new friends they've made. Discriminating diners are coming in increasing numbers from as far as Easton, Trenton, and Philadelphia, as well as from within the County, to enjoy good Continental cuisine. The *scampi*, shrimp delicately broiled in a sauce you must mop up with a good piece of crusty French bread, are a great favorite either as appetizers or as a main dish; lobster *Fra Diavolo* is all too rarely found in these parts (but call ahead to order it); and of course steaks, chops and chicken are expertly treated too. If you have a special favorite dish, call Bill and consult him about it.

Bill lays down only two rules for the running of a fine restaurant. First, you'll notice at the bottom of your menu, a line that reads: "The Essence of Culinary Art is Time", a quiet reminder that good cooking can't be rushed. "If you want short-order cooking or ready steam-table dishes," Bill contends, "diners and cafeterias serve them much faster and much less expensively. If you come here, take the time to enjoy it." His second requirement is for himself: he feels it essential for the man who runs a restaurant to be able to do any job in the place better than the people who fill those jobs. He can do it, too; when the occasion demands, he can fill in anywhere from head chef to dishwasher.

Good food needs good background; there is an unpretentious elegance and meticulousness about the Fireside Inn that tells you right away that you're going to enjoy your meal. Now the Dinos have made another important addition to the atmosphere of dining comfort. Visitors to New Hope in previous years will be pleased to discover that Ed Staley, longtime favorite of that town, is now in charge of the piano at the Fireside Inn. Staley ministers to the instrument as tenderly as we've ever heard it done, and goes through a virtually limitless repertoire from Bach to bop and Bach again in an unobtrusively inspired manner. He's in the bar now, but come late spring the piano will move out to the attractive garden terrace.

For those who can't wait until they get to the Fireside Inn to sample the cuisine, we asked Bill to give us a recipe for a dish not too complicated to prepare at home. He obliged with *Risotto a la Dino*, which follows (serves 4):

1½ cups of rice
8 cps. double-strength chicken broth
2 medium onions
1 lb. sliced mushrooms
1 lb. chicken livers
4 hearts of cooked artichokes

Put the rice in a flat pan and add chicken broth to cover; add broth as the rice swells until tender, stirring constantly. You may not need all 8 cups of broth, but it's better not to get caught short. Meanwhile, saute the chopped onions lightly in butter until golden brown, saute each of the other ingredients separately and set aside. When the rice is done, add the onions, mushrooms, livers and artichoke hearts and mix well. Serve from warmed casserole, and sprinkle individual servings with fresh grated Parmesan cheese and fresh black pepper.

If for any reason this doesn't work out right for you, Bill says to tell you that you can find out how it should taste right at the Fireside Inn.

TREASURE CHEST

Antiques have always been one of the principal attractions of Bucks County for residents and visitors alike. We found, however, that there was no central listing to guide the shopper in his search for treasures of the past. With that in mind, we decided to set up our "Treasure Chest" as a comprehensive listing of the antique dealers of the area and related services. Because of the pressure of time, we were able to list only a few of them in this issue, but watch this page for many more in subsequent months. If there are shops or services we haven't yet listed here, we would appreciate hearing about them either from our readers or from dealers themselves. Call Doylestown 2661 or drop us a note.

AQUETONG

Sheffield House—Rt. 202. English silver, Sheffield plate, English prints, jewelry and furniture. (New Hope 5467)

BUCKINGHAM

Edna's Antique Shop—General Greene Inn. County's largest glass collection. Early American antiques, furniture. (Buck. 2981)

CROYDON

Curly Maple House—State Road, X mi. below Bristol. Complete Line of fine antiques in early Colonial setting. (Stilwell 8-2708)

DOYLESTOWN

Ruth G. Bliss—485 N. Main. True antiques from reliable sources selected by a specialist. Established 1930. (Doyle. 4394)

FEASTERVILLE

Knights—Bustleton Pk. & Street Rd. Meissen, Sevres, Royal Copenhagen, Spode, Staffordshire, Cameo & Bohemian. Rare Wedgwood. (Elm. 7-0319)

HOLLAND

Heron Creek Antiques—Rt. 532, Buck Rd. bet. Feasterville & Newtown. General line of good antiques. Mgr. County Shows (Elm. 7-6817)

NEW BRITAIN

Wishing Well Antiques—2 mi. west of Doylestown, Rt. 202. Specializing in primitives. (Doyle. 3854)

NEW HOPE

Washington Square Antiques—Mechanic St. Fine selection early American furniture, bric-a-brac, china and imports. (New Hope 2722)

NEWTOWN

Morrell's—Washington Ave. Fine antique furniture. Custom-made drapes, upholstery & slip-covers. Decorator. (Worth 8-2873)

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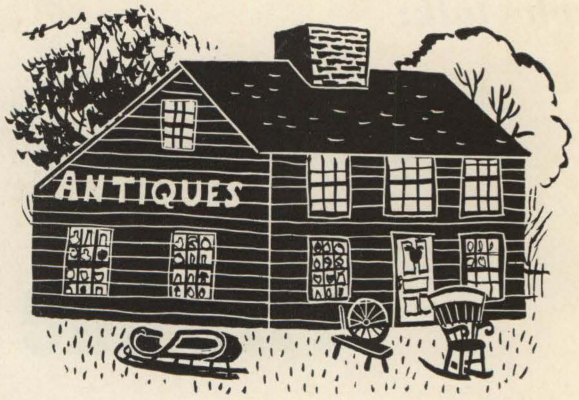


BICYCLES of yesterday and tomorrow were news events for 1956 the last week in January. On Tuesday, the twenty-fourth, **Bob Selby, Inc.** of Buckingham, sold their rare no-pedal walking-bicycle at the tremendous Seventh Regiment Armony Antiques Show in New York City and on Saturday, in North Carolina, a flying bicycle—a bicycle-like one-man aircraft called a Gyro-Copter—made its first public appearance, circling Raleigh-Durham airport in a fifteen minute demonstration. The airborne bicycle is going to be put on the market in 20th Century make-it-yourself assembly kits. The authentic antique 18th Century bicycle was sold by Selby's to a private collector and is destined, eventually, for the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C., where the only walking-bicycle they have now is a reproduction, made in 1919 from an early print, for **Buster Keaton** to use in one of his comedies.

The Bob Selby, Inc., booth at the show was a center of attraction. This antique show, the big event of the winter season in New York, brought Bucks County antiques into the limelight. Our dealers who exhibited there all came in for their share of compliments on their fine display, and Bob Selby's, instead of an open booth, turned their space into a Bucks County scene with a little white country-antiques-store front, red painted walls inside, and the famous bicycle by the door, as if a customer had left it when he went in to buy a snuff box or some other 18th Century object.

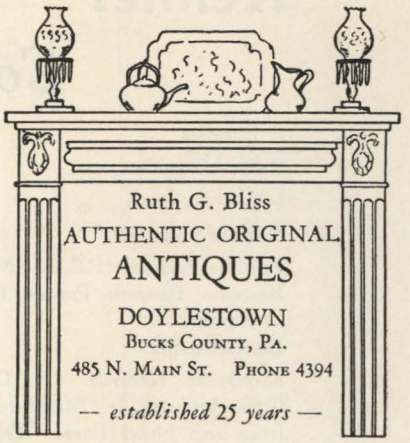
One thing we've noticed about Bucks County antique dealers—the real dyed-in-the-wool dealers who have been in the business long enough to establish a name for themselves—is that if they retire its only a matter of a short time before they're back in business again. It will be good new to collectors, who used to make a bee-line to **Clarence Johnson's Meeting House Antiques** at Lahaska whenever they were within driving distance, to hear that he's built a small, pink-painted shop two doors from the old Meeting House and plans an early Spring re-opening. He had been in business for over twenty years when he sold in '54. His first shop was in a barn on Fleecy Dale Road between Lumberville and Carversville. . . . **Scofield's Antiques** in the big white barn on Route 202, between Doylestown and Buckingham, is going ahead too. Since **Mr. Kendrick Scofield's** death, **Mrs. Scofield** has been showing her antique jewelry in **Barbara Scofield's** frame shop in Doylestown, but now **Charlotte Achey** of Spring Valley, who was formerly associated with **School House Antiques** at Furlong, has joined forces with her and they are showing very fine antiques . . . **Bob Von Hintz,** who opened his **Crown and Feather** in Newtown in 1943, has never actually retired, but after he moved his shop to Lahaska and then sold the location to **The House of Toby's** in '46, he has been doing so much work in leather and carved wood and metal that recently he has been hailed as a master craftsman and his creations in wooden

The Antique Hunter

by Constance A. Ward

fruit with leather leaves and leather and metal flower reproductions of 18th and early 19th Century decorations have been written up in **Vogue** and **House and Garden**. He's busy, again, with antiques in Lahaska in his newest **Crown and Feather** and has added a carefully selected collection of 19th Century fine fabrics to his stock of rare objects . . .And now we hear that **Ruth Page**, who recently retired after years of fame in the world of antiques in Bucks County, where she started with **The Flea Market** at Buckingham, is now freelancing in antiques on the buying end. She is busy, too, making a collection of Grandfather Clocks which she may, later on, show by appointment in her artistically remodeled house at the river's edge in New Hope.

Antiques are being sold throughout the County in shops new and old. One of the interesting historical mansions that has been turned into a shop is **Frank Donnelly's Curly Maple** at Croydon. Built of old brick, it dates back two hundred and fifty years, and is famed for a handsome maple stairway that inspired the name. A collector for twenty-five years, Mr. Donnelly says that antiques are a hobby with him and he's in the wholesale oil business to make money to buy more antiques . . . Another historic shop-site is **Broadnix Antiques** near Fairless Hills. The Broadnix's live in the oldest log cabin in Pennsylvania and, along the road, they have eight buildings full of antiques. Originally attached to one of the first of William Penn's buildings at Pennsbury, the old cabin was sold and moved to its present location on Oxford Valley Road. Only a kitchen has been added; the cabin, itself, is unchanged. Until recently, Broadnix Antiques have sold only to dealers. Mr. Broadnix's father started the business here sixty years ago and buyers come from all over the country . . . The old Hotel in Carversville dates back to the late Seventeen-hundreds and **Sylvanus B. Kling** shows his antiques there. His display room and his work-shop both go by the name, **Carversville Cabinet Shop**. The workshop where he repairs and refinishes furniture was the old livery stable of the Inn where coach horses rested from their trips over the old toll road in the days when many salesmen were coming to the town, bustling with its seven grist mills along the Pannacussing Creek. Cabinet work keeps Mr. Kling busy, but he seems to look forward to Springtime when he gets out to replenish the stock in his display shop and to go fishing. He is an ardent sportsman. Antique dealers say that the good-old-day attics are a fast dwindling source of supply for their shops. But two of our antique shop friends still survive chiefly on attic treasures. **Katherine Matlack Bushnell** of **Newtown Antiques** at Court and Center Streets, Newtown, stocks her shelves from her own attic and goods brought in by friends, and **Jennie Rodgers' Center Bridge Gift Shop** depends upon neighboring attic store rooms for the fine things she sells.



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FIRST, we'd like to apologize and explain to the folks who weren't mentioned in our January and February columns and felt they should have been. Many of them didn't realize that this was going to be a regular feature, and that eventually we hope to be covering everyone; it's a big county, and hard to keep up with. We'd appreciate your help in staying with all the dog news by letting us know of anything that comes up that we might miss. Tell us about your important wins, your breedings, other activities, stories of interest. Anything, just so we hear from you.

We want to make this column useful and interesting to all of you in the County, kennel-owners, breeders, pet-owners or newcomers who might be looking for a dog. (There are 15,000 dogs and 175 kennels licensed in Bucks County!) With this in mind, we decided to start our "*Kennel Corner*" to serve as an information center for dog news and services in the area. If you have anything you want others to know about, call or write us for information on listings.

THERE are always two sides to every question, and we don't want to start a controversy here, but there is a story we heard recently that bears passing along. We all know that this idea of dogs released from pounds to laboratories has been kicked around for years. As yet, these dogs are kept until claimed or a home is found for them. If that is impossible, they are humanely destroyed. If you ask the laboratories, they'll tell you they raise their own animals. Here, though, is what is happening right around here. Draw your own conclusions.

On the morning of January 17th, a light snow fell, and after a hearty breakfast Gordon Champion Windy Hill's Mactavish (better known as Mac) was let out of the house for his morning exercise on his owner's two-hundred-acre farm. His companion was the farm manager's cocker spaniel. Together, the two started their usual morning run through the woods and farm land where there is so much of interest to two bird dogs. The cocker returned alone. Since the dogs were inseparable, Mac's owner decided to investigate. Tracking them was easy in the fresh snow. To her surprise she found that the trail led to a dead-end road where the big dog's footprints disappeared into thin air alongside plainly marked tire tracks. The cocker's prints returned to the house.

Immediately the heartbreaking job of trying to find the dog started. The first thought was that perhaps he had been hit by the car. All veterinarians were contacted, but none had treated him. Since he was a family pet, a companion of the children, the loss was keenly felt. That he was a fine representative of his breed, a Bench Champion and show winner, and had just begun to show his value as a stud dog, was of secondary importance. He wore a heavy collar, and was licensed. Weeks have gone by and, at this writing, not one clue has turned up in spite of a $75 reward offered for information, an endless number of ads, long-distance phone calls to places in New Jersey and Pennsylvania, and innumerable dollar bills given to boys and girls who have hopefully appeared with black dogs of every imaginable description from collies to mutts.

We have been trying to track him down, since he is of our breeding, and the facts we have unearthed are startling. First of all, we learned that there is quite a market for dogs, and the fact that dogs are picked up ("stolen" is an ugly word) by such "dealers" is too commonly known to be doubted. The stories of dogs disappearing are continuous. In one suburban area there were four such cases in one day. Dogs that normally would not budge from their yards were picked up within minutes after being let out.

The cases seem to follow the same pattern—dogs in yards where people leave them while at work, or dogs of set habits. It would seem that the thefts are studied and well-planned in advance. From a reliable source we have learned that trucks

IN THE DOG HOUSE

by Dorothy M. Poisker

transport dogs several days a week along Route 202 into New Jersey where it is not illegal to sell them. The places where dogs are picked up by the truckers at regular stops are known, but legal complications make it almost impossible for proper authorities to act.

Have you glanced at the Lost and Found columns in the daily papers lately? The number of lost dogs listed is unbelievable. A few may have wandered off and been taken in by someone, but it is unthinkable that so many could just disappear without a clue unless something other than plain wanderlust motivated their leaving. There is no denying that there is a great demand for dogs for laboratories, otherwise Bill No. 231 would not have been brought up in Harrisburg. If positive action ever does get taken on it, at least it is to be hoped that it will do something to stop the dognapping going on now.

SAW many of our Bucks County fanciers at the Garden, and we can be justly proud of the records of our local dogs. **Mrs. Sydney Allman, Jr., In The Valley Kennels,** Doylestown, took Best of Breed and a third in the Non-Sporting Group with her Dalmatian Ch. Roadcoach Roadster, a fine win in tough competition. Mrs. Allman reports that Roadcoach is just back from Florida with nine Best of Breeds and eight Group wins, and we wish her a successful trip with him up Connecticut and Boston way, and then to Kansas City. . .The **Saunders L. Meades** of **Seafren Kennel** at Mechanicsville had a third in the Toy Group (from which came the Best in Show) with English Champion Pekinese Caversham KoKo of Shanruss. Handled to his honors by **Ruth Sayers,** he went Best in Show at Westchester in September, and must be well on his way to his American Title. . .In the Terrier division the imported Dandie Dinmont, Salismore Silversand, owned by **Dr. M. Josephine Deubler,** Newtown, won the Breed Honors, coming up the hard way from the open class. . .**Wilbur Etter** not only had some fine wins at the Terrier Specialty and in the classes at the Garden, but was also the breeder of Ch. Licken Run's Panic, who topped the Breed in Welshies, and really panicked the crowd with his cutting up in the Group. . .First of these unusual colored dogs to win in fifteen years, chocolate Dachshund Mudpuddle V Waddlehausen of **Mrs. Robert Sweet's Sweetbriar Kennels,** Washington's Crossing, took a blue in a large class of American Bred. Mudpuddle, a son of Cleetals Barricini, was piloted by Mary Young, who is associated with Mrs. Sweet, and with two such experts together, we can look for big things from these breeders. We'll be watching for these dogs to do well in Boston. Mrs. Sweet also will be judging the Non-Sporting dogs and group at the coming Match Show of the **Windsor Kennel Club. . .Wilma Burg, Oak Manor Kennels,** Lumberville, had a lovely Ascob Cocker who had a win in Open Dog Class. . .**Cappoquin Kennels' Mary Griffin** had two sturdy Chow puppies in the show, and Swan's Warlord was the one who snared the win. The Griffin poodles are enroute to the New England Shows.

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CALENDAR OF CANINE EVENTS

Lehigh Valley Kennel—A.K.C. Sanctioned (All Breed). Match Show. Marine Corps Armory, Route 22 Alt., Bethlehem, Penna. March 3.

Obedience Class—Tess Henseler. New Hope-Solebury High School, New Hope. Evenings beginning March 7. For information N.H. 2995.

Obedience Class—Gloria Gram. The Barn, corner Trenton Road and Route 413, east of Penndel. Continuous. Windsor 2-2273.

Happy Valley English Setter Club—Field trial. Open to all Pointing Dogs. On the grounds of the North Penn Field and Conservation Club, Three Mile Run, Perkasie, Penna. March 11.

Harrisburg Kennel Club Show—Penna. State Farm Show Building, Harrisburg, Penna. Starts at noon, March 17.

Bucks County Pointer Club—Field Trial. Open to all Pointing Breeds. On the grounds of the North Penn Field and Conservation Club, Three Mile Run, Perkasie, Penna. No charge for spectators. March 18.

Penna. Recreation and Sportsmen's Show—Penna. State Farm Show Bldg., Harrisburg, Penna. Will feature Field Dog Exhibition and Demonstration each day at 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. March 20 thru 24.

English Setter Association—Field Trial. Open to all Setters. On the grounds of the North Penn Field and Conservation Club, Three Mile Run, Perkasie, Penna. March 25.

Penn Ridge Match—Mrs. Alex Griffin, Secretary. Box 143, New Hope, Penna. April 8.

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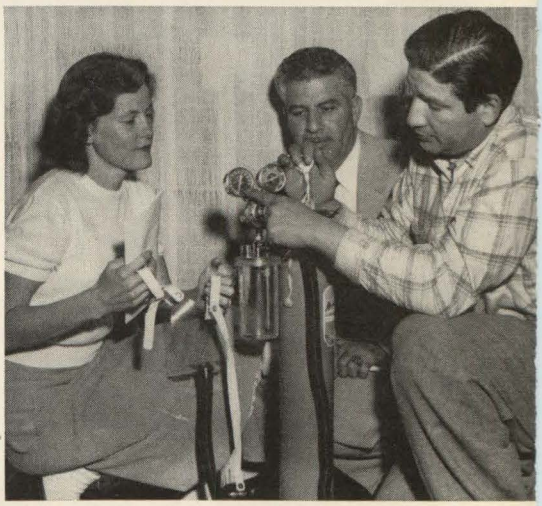
COUNTY CHECKER

Robert Erwin (center), a trustee of the Oxford Valley Chapel, presents the deed for a new church site to Rev. Philip Weiss, pastor. (l to r): Henrietta and Mary Nowell, Walter Rosser, Robert Erwin, Rev. Philip Weiss, Lillie and Laura Rue and Charles Hurst.



Chief One Star, Cherokee chief, visits the TRAVELER'S office. In this issue, the Chief, who is a graduate of Carlisle and lives at Kellers Church, tells of the departure of the last of the Delawares from Bucks County. The Delawares were also known as the Lenni-Lenapes, a hunting tribe. The Cherokees are considered the most enlightened of the Indians of America.

At a recent meeting of the Kiwanis-Optimists of Levittown to discuss a "drag strip" for hot rods in Lower Bucks were Edward F. Davis, Regional Advisor, Nat'l Hot Rod Assn. (Standing l to r) Jack Halberstadt, vice president of the Levittown Kiwanis, Harry Powell, president, and Tim R. Fahey, chairman of public relations and business affairs committee.

Induction ceremony during which seventeen Bucks County scouts achieved Eagle Scout status during February. (l to r): Judge Edward Biester, Doylestown, Mrs. Ray Z. Hartman, son, Eagle Scout David, and proud father, Ray Hartman.

Jane Michie, New Britain, Nancy Wycoff, Quakertown, Mary Algeo, New Hope, Elynore Pettigrews, Hulmeville, Blanch Thomas, Langhorne, Susan Lindsay, Ivyland, and Sally Booth, Richboro, go into strenuous training for their participation in the National Senior Girl Scout Round-Up this summer in Michigan.

John Skelton and Victoria Coleman, fifth grade pupils in the Yardley Elementary School, studying reproductions on parchment of the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights presented to the school by the Yardley American Legion Auxiliary.

BOARD

people seen around the county

Judge Hiram H. Keller, carrying the paraphernalia of his office as president of the 122-year-old Union Horse Company of Doylestown Township and its Vicinity, leads a new group of vigilantes to the Fountain House Inn to be inducted into the organization. The company was organized for "Detecting and Apprehending Horse Thieves and other Villains".

Mrs. Ervin Deck, Levittown, examining an antibiotic nebulizer purchased by the Levittown Emergency Squad for the use of her infant son, a victim of a rare respiratory infection. With her are Alfred Volpe, president of the Levittown Emergency Squad, and Bernard Korson, senior First Aid Man.

Mrs. Sam Slesinger and Mr. and Mrs. Cal Cooper at the recent New Hope Community Association Dinner dance held at The Playhouse Inn, New Hope. More than 270 attended.

At the recent annual meeting of the Bucks County United Services Federation are: seated, (l to r) Mrs. Julian Perry, Holicong, Mrs. Edward G. Biester, Doylestown. (Standing) Mrs. Mae Moffat and Mrs. William Dillworth, Jamison, and Mrs. Edward Beegle of Holicong. A capacity crowd attended.

Mrs. Edward Kraft, Lahaska, Mrs. Carleton Smith, Wrightstown, Mrs. C. Brenner Jackson, Forest Grove, and Mrs. A. Leon Scott, Spring Valley, at a Wycombe District Red Cross meeting at home of Mrs. Charles Bay, Lahaska.

A not-so-recent photograph of Bob Brugger, well-known Bucks County radio personality (station WBUX), Pipersville restaurateur and TRAVELER columnist. (This should teach him not to leave his scrap book lying around the TRAVELER'S office!)

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charged $3.00. Restaurants, bakeries and printing offices paid $10.00. Hotels had special rates of from $25.00 to $60.00. A private stable was charged $1.00 for each animal and a livery stable $1.50 for each horse or carriage. It cost $5.00 a year to water a garden and $10.00 to $20.00 to maintain a fountain.

At this time Doylestown had not had a fire for several years and had grown careless. The old engine, which had become obsolete, had been sold and the newspaper viewed with alarm the fact that there was not a foot of hose, a fire bucket or a ladder available—a deplorable state of affairs for a town of 2,000 souls. In view of the newspaper agitation new fire companies were formed and equipped. None of them lasted long until 1896, when the present Doylestown Fire Company was organized.

During the golden era of the mid-century, Doylestown gained a reputation as a summer resort. *The Democrat* urged Philadelphians to spend the summer in the County Seat of Bucks County and extolled its beauties and advantages in glowing terms: "The town is handsomely improved, affording, in most streets, delightful shady walks; a beautiful promenade in the public grounds; and we have first rate ice creams and mineral waters, not exceeded even by the Chestnut Street (Phila.) venders." The *Intelligencer* waxed even more poetic with " 'Who has not heard of the Vale of Cashmere?' sings the poet; 'who has not heard of Doylestown?' " This sort of talk evidently did the trick; Doylestown hotels were soon crowded with summer boarders.

The people of Doylestown took up such spiritualistic fads as "table turning", and the town in its many mulberry trees still bears the mark of the craze to raise silkworms.

There was a great exhibition in Doylestown in 1855. William Beeks erected a large building for a huge County Fair. Two of the strong drawing cards were the first baby show in the County and an address by Horace Greely. The famous editor of *The New York Herald* who had advised young men to "Go West!" delivered a long, dull talk (without notes) on "Industrial Fairs—Their Origin, History, Purpose and Tendencies".

Beek's Exhibition came to a summary end shortly thereafter when a windstorm blew down his building and ruined the promoter financially.

During the 19th Century Doylestown experienced many changes and radical innovations. The mud roads gave way to the turnpikes, the stage coaches to the railroads, and then the trolleys cut into the railroads' profits. One of the most astounding inventions to be displayed in the town was the "Magnetic Telegraph." It was set up in the Mansion House and most of the people of Doylestown gathered around to see the strange gadget work. When the first message was received most of the skeptical audience declared it to be "a darned humbug—an effort to impose on country people".

In 1878 the citizens of Doylestown decided that the time was ripe to celebrate a centennial, but the 100th anniversary of its incorporation was still sixty years away, so they decided to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the time President Washington's engineers first designated the town as "Doylestown" on the map, instead of Doyle's Tavern. This centennial probably surpassed anything the town has seen before or since.

Business places and homes were decorated with bunting and a number of trains brought festive crowds into town. A grand parade was held in the morning, so long that it took an hour to pass a given point. It was headed by a brass band and the "Naglee Rifles", followed by other bands and numerous floats representing the organizations and industry of the town. The blacksmiths were represented by a large wagon carrying a horse in the process of being shod; the Doylestown Hose Company's "engine" was drawn by a group of young volunteer firemen and so it went. Joseph Updegrave, the sexton, was also in the parade. According to newspaper accounts "He was mounted on a large wooden coffin surrounded by all the grim implements of his calling, and looked more horrible than death itself."

Aaron Kratz of Plumsteadville, who probably had the largest wagon works in the County, was represented by one of the most impressive floats—a wagon forty feet long drawn by ten well-groomed horses. On the wagon were mechanics representing every phase of his large business; there were blacksmiths, wheelwrights, body makers, trimmers, coach painters and harness makers, twenty-five in all, each performing his own particular type of work for the benefit of the thousands of spectators lining the route of the parade.

During the afternoon literary exercises were held in Lenape Hall and musical selections rendered by Brock's orchestra. There was a long prayer by the Reverend Silas M. Andrews and an ode by Caleb E. Wright, Esq. which showed that he was quite carried away by the occasion. It reads:

Britons may glory in London the great,
Frenchmen rejoice in their town by the Seine;
Russians emboss'd in their ice, view in State,
Peter's doomed city on Baltic's rough main.
We are less lofty, but loving as well
Of homes that our forefathers won by their toil;
Town of the hilltop, of all towns the belle;
Proud city hereafter, city of Doyle.

During this era Doylestown society bloomed as it never had before. One of the most prominent social factors was the "Mite Society", organized by the ladies of the St. Paul's Episcopal Church and open to women of all denominations. At its weekly meeting in someone's home the program consisted of instrumental music, tableaux, charades, character plays and other genteel pursuits. There were no dues, only the suggestive "mite box" placed prominently on the piano. No refreshments were served but the attendance often numbered a hundred ladies of assorted ages.

The T.O.S. Club was a group of young men who sponsored a lecture course and brought culture to the town with such speakers as Anna Dickinson, "Sunset" Cox, Richard Vaux, whose fame stemmed largely from his honor of being the only American to dance with Queen Victoria. Other notables were Henry Ward Beecher, James Whitcomb Riley and Lieutenant Danenhower, an Arctic explorer. Debating societies were popular also, and in the early days were spoken of as "Spouting Societies".

With the advent of George P. Brock's orchestra, Doylestown was never without music when an occasion demanded it. The original members of this locally famous orchestra were William K. Black, Silas A. Selser, Benjamin Doan, Martin Hulshizer, Clarence White, Harvey Scheetz, Alfred W. Walton, John Yardley, W. Sharp Hulshizer, Theodore Schaumberg, Edward Ruth, John Hellerman and W. Harry Cadwallader. Within this organization was a "Horn Quartette", consisting of Selser, Ruth, Hulshizer and Yardley.

This orchestra introduced the first outdoor concerts. A handsome gas-lighted pavilion was erected on the Court House Park, and the weekly concerts were one of the most enjoyable features of the town's social life. People came from a distance to hear them and to sit on benches on the lawn and stroll about the shady streets. The second year of the concerts some brass instruments were introduced which many thought an improvement, as the music could be heard at a greater distance.

In the early eighties a group of German residents organized a singing society. They were D. Baumann, Leonard Bute, Joseph Schurle, Christian Esser, Fred Wendt, Fred Bechlein, Albert Golle, Ernest Weaver, Ed Carl, Jr., Enos Weiss, George Schroth, Dr. Charles Siegler and William Schoner. They called their organization, which

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SNAKES AND SHAMROCKS

by Bob Brugger

YOU have to know Father Muldoon. I do. I can remember the days when he was arighting the impoverished parish at Hilltown. Pastor, father confessor, he was also janitor, school bus driver and, when funds were short, he became a "butter and egg" produce salesman, selling his parishioners' farm products in Philadelphia.

You also have to know Dublin. I do. When you've lived in Pipersville all of your life, Dublin, Bucks County, is just another cross-roads across country. Irish its name? Divil a bit! It got its name from the twin taverns once located there—Double-Inns. The entire police force is Eli Meyers, its most famous *restaurateur* is Goldie Meyers. I know H. E. Bishop, the farm implement dealer, Stouffer at the store, Mrs. Frank Rymdeika at the pub, Sam Moyer, the well-driller. These good people are as Irish as pigs' knuckles and sauerkraut.

On a day in April, 1944, the Reverend Joseph B. Muldoon, pastor of the Hilltown Catholic Church, looked across the field. Beyond those fields, Father Muldoon knew there was a Dublin, and sure in Dublin how could there not be a church dedicated to Saint Patrick? And if the good father was a hard man to keep up with, he was also a hard man to refuse.

Before long, a garage in Dublin was turned into St. Patrick's Mission Chapel. For ten years, St. Patrick's in Dublin served the needs of the outlying Hilltown parish. Few Dubliners themselves were conscious of the hard work and zeal that had gone into bringing St. Patrick to their town.

When Father Muldoon had done his work, he was transferred to a larger parish in Easton. It was for Father John Morley who took over the charge of Hilltown and St. Patrick's to bring this chapel to the attention of the community, and the entire Philadelphia area.

From the very start Father Morley had a dream, too—to make St. Patrick's Day a day for *all* of Dublin. . .eventually, to make this a Mecca for pilgrims on every seventeenth of March. He began with a committee of one—himself. When he talked with me about publicizing his first St. Patrick's celebration last year, I immediately saw the pit-falls. I'd been in public relations all my life and I knew the difficulties. I advised him to wait another year. He didn't. And while I was thinking in terms of maybe a paragraph or two in the local papers, Father Morley quietly went about getting the chapel and the town on Philadelphia television. The best ad man on Madison Avenue could not have grabbed the newspaper space that the little priest from Dublin had engineered without batting an eye.

This year, St. Patrick's Day in Dublin will be all that Father Muldoon and Father Morley had originally intended. . .and it will be for every creed, race and nationality. On the afternoon of the 17th there will be High Mass at the Mission Chapel, and in the streets and along the shop rows the O'Moyers and the McMeyers will be wearin' of the green. In the evening there will be typical Irish dances done to a Polish band in the German Club at Hilltown. To top it all off, when you think that there are those who contend that St. Patrick himself was a Spaniard, the patron saint of a country whose most famous recent political figure was born in Brooklyn, it really makes for quite a holiday in a county founded by an English Quaker.

The American Revolution in 1778, as Related to Bucks County

Letter (in part) to Council

Easton, March 9, 1778

Dear Sir—The Situation of this place is really melancholy. A very important Pass; Thro which, from the northward, an amazing quantity of stores are dai ly conveyed, and oftentimes great quantities of ammunition & other stores remain here. The unfriendly disposition of far the greater Part of Bucks County, and of this, to say the least, that it is wholly stupid and inactive, seemingly wrapped up in a lethargic sloth, no Guard, but a few decrepid Invalids, dying by inches for want of cloathing, and the Public Stores, more or less, pillaged for want of a sufficient Guard. What is there to hinder a very small Body of Men, under the command of a gallant and enterprising officer, to make a sudden Push hither, destroy all that is valuable, and to take Prisoners such as might be unfortunate enough to be found here. Excuse the Freedom, but the Duty I owe to the Public, and to the Trust reposed in me, convinces me that this much I ought to say, which I pray may be laid before the Supreme Executive Council.

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area adjacent to the Fairless Works, but is taking place throughout an increasingly wide region which adjoins the periphery of Philadelphia and is served by transportation arteries that run to the heart of the city.

So in the final analysis, Steel cannot take the credit—or at least much of it—for the phenomenal population growth of Bucks County. Nor do we think it wants to. There are some who would argue that, had not Steel come to Bucks County, Mr. Levitt and others might not have gravitated here. Investigation has proven this to be a fact, at least insofar as John W. Galbreath, developer of Fairless Hills, is concerned. Mr. Galbreath was invited to interest himself in the area, to provide housing that was sorely needed when the Fairless Works was started. And it is probably true that Mr. Levitt undertook his great project with the original intention of attracting steel workers to Levittown. As it happened, he did, but this factor became of minor importance to Levitt as it developed that there was a tremendous pent-up demand for suburban homes among thousands of Philadelphians.

If, indeed, Steel was responsible for attracting Levitt and Galbreath to Lower Bucks County, either directly or indirectly, this would now seem to reflect to the credit of United States Steel. Certainly there are no more carefully planned, complete communities for family living in this part of the United States than these two brand new towns. Every provision has been made for paved streets, street lighting, sewers, water, shopping facilities, schools, churches, recreation—in all, community facilities that most areas wait years to realize, more often than not at public expense. If Bucks County was to experience a mass influx of new population, as now seems to have been clearly inevitable, it was a fortunate set of circumstances which attracted these two developers.

In one way, the County's gain in population holds a bright promise for the future; for by far the greatest majority of the new residents are young couples, many of whom are moving into new homes of their own for the first time, and in numerous instances are but recently embarked upon the experience of raising a family. Authorities of community patterns tell us that this type of younger element generally has a wholesome and progressive effect upon expanding areas. There is a greater sense of pride in the home, for example, that is reflected in more effort to improve it and maintain home and grounds as an attractive property. Economically, the income

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Photos by Bob Stevens

Bucks County TRAVELER'S

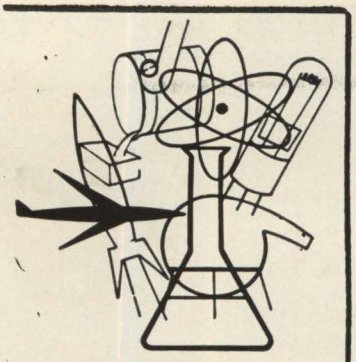
HOME OF THE MONTH

ONE of the many pleasures of living along the river is the opportunity of walking on the canal towpath in complete forgetfulness of tooting horns or speeding autos. The canal and towpath are maintained by the Commonwealth Department of Forests and Waters and afford the nature-lover, fishing, boating, ice-skating and, of course, walking for miles and miles north or south.

Going south on the towpath, within a short walk of the Bucks County Playhouse, is an intriguing small Colonial building, once a weigh-house, an adjunct of the nearby canal. Painted barn red, with gleaming white trim, it commands a splendid view of the Delaware River sweeping down from the little art metropolis. The canal itself, and its nearby tributary, overflows water-ways and viaducts, and conspires to conjure up visions of old Venice.

The present owners have restored the building for gracious modern living and the interior has a surprising spaciousness. The living room has an open-beamed cathedral ceiling with a balcony bedroom. There is another studio bedroom, a bath, and a most serviceable small kitchen.

One wonders why a gem like this ever gets on the market but it is offered now very definitely for sale, furnished or unfurnished.



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The Tapleys came to Bucks County ten years ago from Washington, D. C., where they both held war-time jobs, he with Naval Intelligence, she in the research laboratory at Arlington Hospital, a welcome addition to the staff with her master's degree in biochemistry. They were married at the Shoreham Hotel in Washington, headed north, bought a house in Lahaska and started making plans for peace-time occupations.

"Chemistry has come in handy with the dye formulas," Dorothy laughed, recalling their initial, wholly unexpected plunge into the world of design and fashion. "We were lucky to find something we both enjoyed doing."

Their first shop, Honey Hill Crafts, in Lahaska, was the outcome of a purchase they made of yards and yards of unbleached muslin and their decision to defer future occupation plans until they'd converted the muslin into handsome, block-printed curtains for their house.

Roberts Tapley had no formal training as a painter before he started ten years ago to develop his skill through practice. His previous experience in creative fields had been in literature. He hails from Haverhill, Mass., went to Harvard until his studies were interrupted by the First World War. He served under General Pershing in France, in Army Intelligence GH. He has one novel to his credit, published by the Alfred Knopf Company, and has done translations of several French and German books. His work in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations during World War II was reporting on his analysis and evaluation of data on the German army's strength and fitness.

While I was getting this background information, Dorothy assured me, in an aside: "But he's always been interested in art. He's practically lived in art museums all his life." Roberts roared with laughter. He has his own ideas about aptitudes.

"I don't think it's ever a matter of a leap into totality. I don't think you take a job and say: I will always do this; this is what I am trained for! From the cradle, your whole life is preparation for everything you do, for whatever you may choose to do. Then its a matter of being ready to face a trial and error period," he chuckled.

He pointed out that some of their mishaps have turned into bonanzas. They're no longer selling wholesale, but while they were making up orders for stores like Bergdorf's, De Pinna, Lord and Taylor's, Garfinkle's in Washington and Henry a la Pensee for the New York branch of his store on the Continent, and Bonwit Teller was featuring windows full of mannequins wearing Tapleys' brilliant, gold-painted *party separates*, Roberts fell down the stairs in the old barn studio with a still wet, metallic-decorated skirt swirling around his shoulders. The resulting random effect, smeared design won a customer's favor and turned out to be one of their best sellers.

The Tapleys were also first to launch the current mode for metallic design. At first, they tried it out using just a bit of gold or silver or copper on the color design. Customers clamored for more, almost assuming a black market attitude with whispers: "Couldn't you just put more gold on mine and not tell the others?"

"We find that suggestions from customers are an enormous advantage to us; they help us to initiate trends and save us the need of making conjectures. And the people with whom utility counts as much as, or even more than, smartness are of great value to us," Roberts told me.

Their own emphasis is on utility. Even their sheerest, delicately colored and elaborately decorated fabrics are durable, easy to pack, easy to take care of and comfortable to wear. And in buying their stock of casuals, they look for serviceable clothes that are inexpensive and attractive.

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Mist in the Valley

An artist from Japan could paint,
With simple, delicate restraint,
The mists that lovely lie below
The heights where breezes come and go,—
Opaque, or with translucent ray,
Outlining tiers of trees in gray.

Gladys M. Walley

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For the past two years, the Tapleys have had showings of their clothes in big hotels in a number of eastern States, spreading Bucks County fame abroad. This past year they've had fifteen of these in eleven States, from York Harbor, Maine, to Aiken, South Carolina.

The Tapleys are an amazing team with a flair for making a terrific success of their work together. They love every minute of it, every phase of it. They are happy people and full of inventiveness, artists to their finger tips . . . and well worth watching. •

of these families is on the way up, and will show gains for years as their employment situations improve, a long-term advantage to the community.

By the same token, young couples with city or apartment backgrounds are usually anxious to get their roots down in a new community. They make a sincere and often eager effort to cultivate new friendships and neighbors, to join a new church and enter their children in Sunday school with a promise to themselves that the family will attend more regularly. They are responsive to opportunities to form or join neighborhood women's clubs, or service clubs. They demonstrate their real interest in the proper growth of their community by joining civic associations.

This pattern is already well-developed in Lower Bucks County; particularly in Fairless Hills and Levittown where the structure of the communities was at once conducive to such activities.

As a case in point, within a few months after the first families moved into Fairless Hills, the wives of Fairless Works employees living in that new community organized the Fairless Hills Women's Club, which today is one of the largest and most active organizations of its kind in the area. To demonstrate their interest in their brand new home town, members of the club volunteered and took turns of duty at an information booth in the development's exhibit center. Over the top of the booth was a sign that read: "If You Want Information About Fairless Hills, Ask Us—We Live Here."

The developing character of the expanding areas of Lower Bucks County is typified by the fact that, since March 1, 1951, over twenty-five new churches have been erected or started. A number of the older churches in the area have been enlarged One church in Morrisville which previously boasted a membership of 600, now has a new church structure and 1,600 members. It is the largest church in the Trenton-Lower Bucks County area.

Many of the volunteers who support the numerous activities of such agencies as the Lower Bucks County Hospital, the American Red Cross, United Community Fund and others, are new residents of Bucks County. Some of them brought previous experience to these community causes, while others bring the fresh enthusiasm and dedication to common efforts to safeguard the general welfare of the area they have chosen for their new home.

But, just as experts agree young families add an excellent ingredient to the mixture of any growing community, and despite the fact that good social patterns are already developing, we are told to expect that the total ultimate impact of this element on community life will not be realized for perhaps two or three years. There are hundreds, perhaps thousands of families who will be busy establishing their new homes, in the meantime carefully considering which community activities they will prefer to take part in. To many, "joining" is a new experience they will sample slowly. To a great many others, civic-mindedness and pride of community are but abstract feelings which up to now have had little meaning for them. The seeds of these interests will nurture slowly in the warmth of their new firesides, ultimately to grow firm roots that will spread outward into the greater areas of neighborhood and community life.

The average member of the management organization at Fairless Works is in his middle thirties, he is a homeowner and a family man, and he and members of his family are interested and active in community affairs, such as P. T. A., Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Y. M. C. A., Red Cross, United Community Fund, Little League, not to mention Rotary, Lions, Kiwanis, Volunteer Fire Department, and Hospital Auxiliary, to name just a few. Some members of the organization hold responsible positions of leadership in these and other civic activities; for example, Douglas Brown, safety supervisor, is a member of the Falls Township School Authority; Roland F. Miller is president of the Lower Makefield Parent-Teachers Association; Richard Hammond, a technical coordinator of production planning, is a member of the Y. M. C. A. Board of Directors; Andrew Brown is Commissioner of the Fairless Hills Little League and an active member of the Falls Township Recreation Council; Andrew Ferlic is

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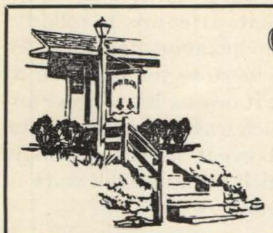

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president of the Falls Township Lions Club; John J. Appleyard was Chairman of the Industrial Division of the United Community Fund.

But the company does more than just encourage its people to take part, as individual citizens, in community affairs in which they have a personal interest; United States Steel itself carries its own weight as a responsible citizen of the community. It seldom publicizes its contributions to the community, but it is known to be a heavy contributor to the Lower Bucks County Hospital, the Red Cross, the United Community Fund and other joint community undertakings. And in most of these matters, the employees of the company join voluntarily to provide an even larger measure of support.

Meanwhile, Bucks County is faced with a problem peculiar to areas everywhere that are developing as a consequence of the "trend to suburbia." It is what is known as a "bedroom community." In other words, a large part of its population commutes to nearby larger cities to daytime employment in offices, shops and industrial plants. In tens of thousands of cases, the breadwinner is at home in Bucks County only at night and over weekends. This and the fact that he usually retains friendships in the city where he works and formerly lived, slows down the process of development of local community interest. But we may still expect a gradual change to a greater interest in Bucks County affairs; Bucks County has always been a "bedroom community" to some extent. Thousands of our older residents have been employed for years in Trenton, Philadelphia and even New York, but they have long since realized an attachment for their home community and an active interest in its affairs.

The owners of hundreds of retail businesses have been quick to realize that they have many problems in common, mainly to compete favorably as groups with other combinations of stores in adjacent sections of the area. To promote trade and consider other mutual problems, a number of local business associations were formed, and are busily engaged in efforts to attract shoppers to their stores from increasingly broader areas. Retail sales in Bucks County increased from $110,800,000 in 1950 to $200,300,000 at the end of 1954. But since this gain of 80 per cent was surpassed by an increase in effective buying income from $154,700,000 to $369,100,000 in the same period, retail associations feel they have ample potential for business growth even with present population.

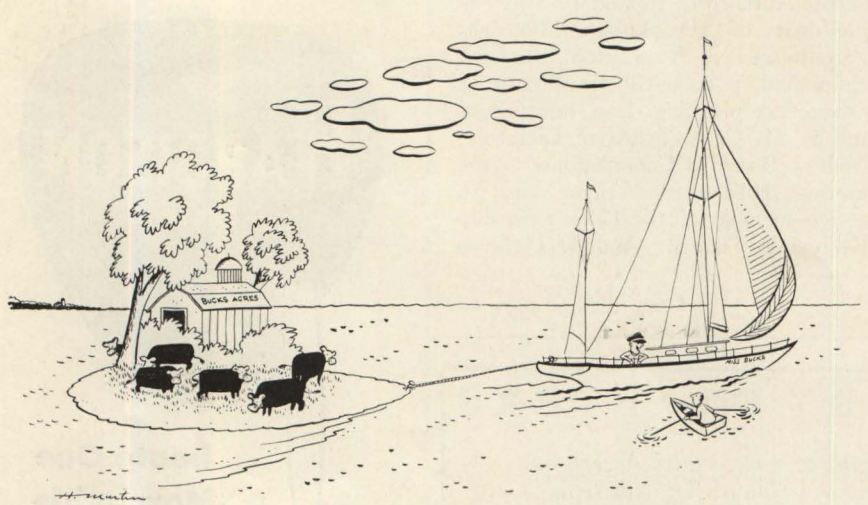
At the same time, a small, local chamber of commerce in Bristol, only organization of its kind in Lower Bucks County, rapidly expanded to embrace a broad area of several townships and boroughs. With new, aggressive leadership representing the larger area, under the new name of the Lower Bucks County Chamber of Commerce, and with increasing business and industrial support, this organization is making bold plans to attract more new industry to the area. It will also lend its weight and leadership to the sound development of other aspects of community life.

The Fairless Works is the showplace of the nation's basic industry, the most modern plant of its kind in the world. Anyone who has had the experience of visiting the facilities could not but have been impressed, not alone by its awesome size, but by the clean lines of its architecture, the tidiness of its sprawling grounds and the surprisingly clean atmosphere surrounding its operations. Indeed, these matters are no accident, for we are told that good housekeeping is an important part of efficient operation of a steel mill; and the company has gone to considerable expense to provide equipment for prevention of air pollution. One is impressed, too, by the orderliness within the tremendous production departments, the care taken of the huge equipment, the efficiency of the men who skillfully manipulate tremendous machines at high speeds. There is almost at once the favorable realization that, despite the fact that the handling of hot metal must be a dangerous occupation, the greatest precautions are taken for the personal safety of employees. "Safety" is a word you see on every hand (you get the impression Steel might have invented it); so, it is no wonder the Fairless Works has one of the best safety records in what is surprisingly one of the nation's safest industries.

The economic and social effects of this one industrial plant upon the Bucks County community have been good. Over and above the benefits of an annual payroll of between $25 and $30 million, the substance of its contribution to the community is measurable in many ways. For example, taxes paid by United States Steel have permitted Falls Township and the Pennsbury Joint School District to keep abreast of the phenonemal growth of population.

This brings us to a look at the future by way of two other predictions that were made five years ago. The first was that the Fairless Works would eventually be expanded to several times its present size. The second was that other industry would be attracted to this area by the arrival of basic Steel. Those who know say that both predictions will come true, but that these are matters which develop slowly, often over a period of five to ten years. U. S. Steel is constantly studying all of those multitudinous factors which may contribute to a decision to enlarge the Fairless Works; it has not confirmed rumors that expansion is imminent, but neither has it denied them. Similarly, other industrial development can be expected to materialize almost any day now. Efforts are being made by the Trenton Chamber of Commerce and the Lower Bucks Chamber of Commerce to stimulate this activity, with some prospect of success.

So Bucks County waits, and in the meantime gives its attention to solidifying its gains, to planning for the even greater future in store for it. And at the same time, it owes a lot to the Fairless Works, which was only an incidental but important event in the period in our history which began at the start of this half century. •



"I couldn't make up my mind which I wanted"

doylestown (cont'd)

was begun purely as a singing society, "The Maennerchor". Eventually the dues were fifty cents a month which went towards sickness and death benefits to the members. The sum of $4 was paid during sickness, $75 at the death of a member to the members family, and $40 to a member at the death of his wife.

In 1887 the combined societies were incorporated as the "Doylestown Maennerchor", dedicated to the "cultivation and elevation of the German song and music, and to assist members in case of sickness or death". A social feature was added which resulted in many memorable balls and picnics. Finally a building was erected and occupied at the corner of York and Donaldson Streets on July 13, 1894.

"The Bucks County Music Association", organized by Professor John L. Field, was composed of singing societies in Doylestown, Sellersville, Valley Park and Nockamixon, each consisting of about fifty voices. These combined societies, which formed a chorus of two hundred voices, gave annual concerts in the large exhibition building which is now located on the Central Bucks School grounds. This chorus, assisted by Brock's orchestra and bands from Richlandtown and from Woodbury, N. J. drew audiences of three or four thousand people. Doylestown was in its cultural heyday.

Founding families have many descendants living today who take a justifiable pride in the accomplishments of their forefathers in establishing the community in which they live. In the case of Doylestown, the founding families may be designated as those who took up residence in the village prior to the time it became the county seat over a century and a half ago, in addition to those who arrived within two or three years after this momentous occasion.

Of these founders, the tavern keeper, William Doyle, would automatically head the list since his name is perpetuated in the name of the county seat. Others were Nathaniel Shewell, the Dungans, McLeans, Wests, Johnsons, Flacks, Greirs, Snodgrasses, Rials, Fells, Wirts, Stewarts, Merediths, Armstrongs, Magills, Rosses, Shaws, Pughs, DuBois, Evans, Titus, Chapmans, Jameses, Harveys, Foxes and Rogers.

When the War of 1812 broke out, several attempts were made to interest "men of spirit and enterprise" to organize an Artillery Company, but it took the burning of the Capitol in Washington to finally build a fire under the men of spirit and enterprise. They were John Fox and William W. Hart who, when Judge Bird Wilson refused to adjourn court for military matters, threw down their brief cases, walked out of the courthouse and enlisted.

After this episode William Magill organized the "Bucks County Rangers", a company of volunteer riflemen who left Doylestown in full uniform for Camp Dupont near Wilmington. "The Pennsylvania Correspondent" gave a vivid account of this departure. "The preceding day the ladies of the village, married and single, with a cheerfulness and alacrity of spirit that entitle them to the highest praise, assembled at the Court House to finish lacing the clothing of their friends, whose zeal had induced the association. When paraded, they marched in single file to the Court House, separating to the right and left as they entered the court room.

This military organization instilled a spirit in the town that made it a military center. The Rangers continued in existence for a number of years, followed by an impressive list of various militia. There were the "Volunteer Artillerists", the "Independent Artillerists", the "Union Troop of Cavalry", the "Centre Union Battalion", the "Bucks County Brigade", the "Union Cadets", the "Doylestown Grays", the "Keystone Artillerists", and the "Naglee Rifles". The last named served in the Spanish-American War, the last of the old militia companies. Doylestown had contributed heavily in men to General Davis' 104th Regiment that served gallantly through the Civil War.

The local militia companies added spice to the social life of the growing village. There were encampments and balls. Dress uniforms were bright with plumes and glittering epaulets and gold braid and buttons.

One cannot leave the crossroads without mentioning the beginnings of two organizations that have given much to Doylestown and the entire County. The first was the Bucks County Historical Society organized in 1880 by General W. W. H. Davis. He was its president until his death in 1910 when Dr. Henry Mercer took over the direction of the Society. Many relics of Doylestown's historical past are now housed in the unique museum Dr. Mercer built on Pine Street.

The other organization was the Village Improvement Association, a small group of energetic women who disapproved of the town housekeeping by the men. This was in 1895 in the days when it was improper for a woman to reveal more than the toe of her shoe. Her long skirts swept the streets which were in such a dirty littered condition, that even a dust ruffle could not protect the hem of a skirt.

Fourteen irate women banded together to clean up their village. They descended on the town fathers with ridiculous demands, and when the worthy councilmen brushed them off as interfering women, they hired a man with a cart to gather up the litter and the garbage.

Then they appointed a "spitting committee" to wage war on the town

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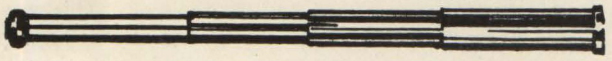

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Obviously this by no means presents a complete picture of Doylestown; limitations of space oblige us to carry over much interesting material to appear in another story in the near future. •

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